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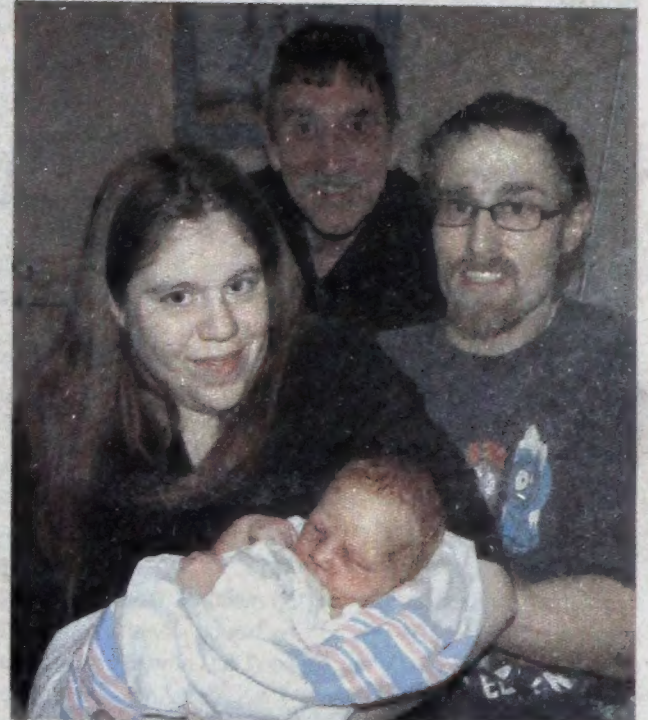
By Zoe Cittern

Kyle Spencer certainly wasn't expecting to be a midwife last Friday morning, the 12th February. He also wasn't expecting for his third child to be born in the back of a taxi. But that's what happened last Friday as his partner, Emily Barry, went into labour on the way to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.

It all started in the early hours of the morning when Emily thought she was having false contractions at 5am. At 7.30am that all changed when Emily knew the contractions she was having weren't so false. Stan Wilson, owner of Grumpys Taxi, quickly made his way to their Gooderham home. Kyle and Emily dropped their other two children off at Emily's mum house and then they were on their way to the hospital.

However a certain little one had other plans in mind. Stan, who was trying to get their the couple to Lindsay as fast as possible, said, "It all happened so quick." Emily's water broke shortly after leaving her mums house. Emily says "I told Kyle and Stan, we're not going to make it to Lindsay. I could feel the baby's head coming out."

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County Split on New Tourism Regions

Liz Daniels
 Staff Reporter

The regional split places Highlands East, Dysart et al and Minden Hills in Region 11 which primarily encompasses the Ottawa Valley. Algonquin Highlands has been tossed into Region 12 with Muskoka, Nipissing and Parry Sound ...

Ontario's announcement in December of 13 new tourism regions, which effectively splits Haliburton County in two, has County officials and tourism stakeholders up against the ropes, torn between outrage and wondering whether there could actually be some benefit to Haliburton in the decision. Others are questioning the effectiveness of the County's tourism initiatives in sufficiently branding Haliburton as a destination point.

According to government press releases, the establishment of these new regional tourism regions was done in consultation with the tourism industry and is expected to pave the way for a stronger, more competitive tourism industry, but according to the County's Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator Bob Smith, many stakeholders were not consulted, and if they were, their comments seem to have had little impact on the outcome as it stands today.

The regional split places Highlands East, Dysart et al and Minden Hills in Region 11 which primarily encompasses the Ottawa Valley. Meanwhile, Algonquin Highlands has been separated from the rest of the County and has been tossed into Region 12 with Muskoka, Nipissing and Parry Sound where they could be lost in the strong Muskoka brand.

The McGuinty government expects that the regional

approach will help to coordinate tourism marketing and management, attract visitors, generate more economic activity and create jobs across the province, but that remains to be seen.

Last week, Smith reported to County Council that Warden Dave Burton, Economic Development & Tourism Committee Chair Jim McMahon, Algonquin

Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and County staff spoke with Tourism's Assistant Deputy Minister Michael Kurts to voice their concerns about the split.

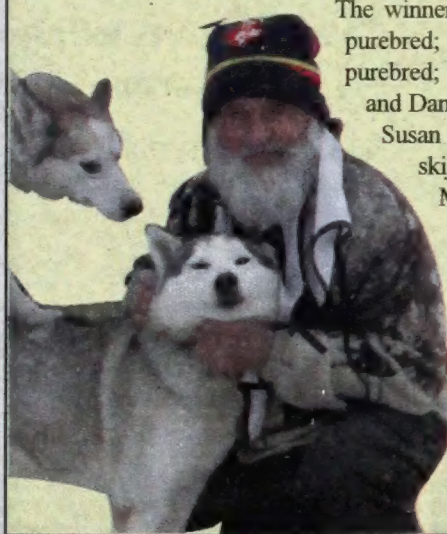
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Ninth Annual Haliburton Dog Sled Derby

Zoe Cittern
 Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby held at the Pinestone Resort on 13th and 14th February showed visitors the centuries old sport. Organised by Winterdance Dog Sled Tours and sponsored by local businesses, 2010 marked the ninth year of the races.

Mushers competed in skijoring, which involves a skier being pulled by one or two dogs. Then later on the categories expanded to include larger packs of dogs with some mushers racing six or eight dog teams. Children also competed in the youth or kidd and mutt classes. The awards were held on Sunday afternoon and a \$10,000 purse was given out amongst the mushers who placed.



The winners were, in the eight-dog open; Richard Bazinet, eight-dog purebred; Leigh Gilchrist, six-dog open; Claude Aumont, six-dog purebred; Susan Gilchrist, four dog open; Sadie Theriault placed first and Damion Robb from Jamaica came in second, four-dog purebred; Susan Gilchrist, one dog skijoring; Dave Meistheimen, two dog skijoring; Jason Sperry came in first and Karen Koehler from Minden came second. In the youth class; first place went to Bailey Moffatt, second place to Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, third place to Maria Perrin from Minden and fourth place to Logan McCready-DeBruin.

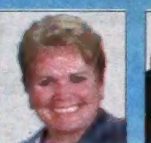
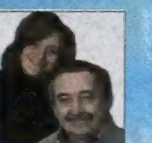
Each year the Haliburton Dog Sled races attract mushers who come far and wide like Jamaica, New Hampshire and Maine. Close to 80 teams participated in the event.

Although dog sledding usually conjures up pictures of Siberian Huskies pulling sleds at the Haliburton Dog Sled

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Dysart Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Council Considers Increased Parking Fines

"Existing parking fines aren't a sufficient deterrent." That was a comment made by Councillor Steve Pogue, and By-law Enforcement Officer Matt Aldom agrees. Aldom recommended an increase in parking fees in a memo to Council last week, to be included in a new consolidated by-law that will be presented for Council's consideration next month.

Aldom recommended increasing the fines from \$5.00 (\$3.00 if paid within seven days) to \$7.00 or \$5.00 if paid early, but Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the biggest issue was repeat offenders.

Aldom made note of the fact that the existing by-law has a number of loopholes. Councillor Janis Parker suggested that Council have an opportunity to review the existing by-law to see exactly what those loopholes are. Parker also commented that parking meters along the main street should be eliminated entirely.

Council agreed that no decision should be made until absentee Councillors were present (Davis and Knowles.) Feedback will also be sought from the BIA before a new by-law is passed, but change is likely to come.

Planning Decisions

Among other planning decisions, municipal land commonly known as the old MTO property on County Road 21 just east of the intersection with Peninsula Road, has now officially been designated as 'mixed use' in an Official Plan Amendment. The municipality has entertained several proposals for the property over the last several years, with the most recent being one for affordable housing. The decision was made primarily to accommodate this type of proposal and was deemed a good fit by Council given the existing uses of land in the area. Planner Pat Martin reviewed the results of the public meeting held the previous week. Questions were raised about the impact future development could have on traffic in the area and an adjacent neighbour was given assurances that an easement held by him across the rear of the land would not be impacted by any future development.

A draft by-law to rezone lands held by 1522689 Ontario Inc. on Oblong Lake in Fort Irwin has been deferred. The application that will accommodate an existing garden centre on the property was reviewed at a public meeting in November, but the owners subsequently amended the application to accommodate an accessory dwelling. At the time Council directed that a second public meeting take place to ensure full disclosure of the request, but there were no concerns raised at the meeting held on February 1st. Formal approval of the draft zoning by-law has been deferred pending execution of a site plan agreement showing the residence as well as appropriate drainage measures.

Canada Post Proposal Expected to Create Confusion

"This will be confusing for a while for some people," said Reeve Murray Fearrey when Council considered Canada Post's proposal to convert mailing addresses over to 911 numbers rather than using the traditional box numbers and rural route addresses.

During the January County Council meeting Canada Post

introduced a standardized addressing system for all residents and businesses that use the municipality's civic addressing (911) system. One response in a Q&A from Canada Post said, "Having the mailing address match the municipal address will lead to more efficient and effective mail processing especially when relief delivery agents are required that have little knowledge of where each resident is located by name."

All customers residing in the County (approximately 4,500 people) will be affected by this decision.

CAO Tammy McKelvey commented that problems are still being encountered with residents whose addresses had been changed in the past. "Mail (e.g. tax notices) to people who haven't changed their addresses is being returned. Councillor Andrea Roberts said that even a year and a half after the change, some residents hadn't changed their addresses. Fearrey said, "You would think that people would realize there was a problem if they didn't get their mail," but McKelvey said that even though change of address cards are sent out, people often miss changing over mail that may only come once a year.

Several members of council commented on the fact that even if your tax bill hadn't been received it was still owing, with interest, similar to it being an offence if someone hasn't renewed their driving license and are subsequently caught.

As part of the changeover, Canada Post has requested that the municipality authorize the use of their logo on their distribution material and Council approved the request. The change will take effect in August of this year and all residents will receive prior notification.

Council to Invite MNR to Address Wolf Concerns

During the course of the Council meeting last Monday, Reeve Fearrey said he had one item to discuss that he wasn't sure how to handle. "I'm hearing concerns from citizens about the visibility of wolves in residential areas. Some of the loggers have had nasty confrontations with wolves that seem to have no fear."

Fearrey also voiced concern about the number of people engaged in outdoor activities and there needs to be a better understanding about the wolves as wild animals. "Even people who have been in the bush all of their lives are afraid."

Councillor Janis Parker was against taking any action that might harm the wolves, taking the position that, "We are in their territory and they are protected."

"They are no longer near extinction and are migrating closer to town with the deer," Fearrey said and suggested contacting the MNR to see what policies are in place and if they would be willing to look at taking a different approach.

"I don't think this is an isolated situation. Some of us have lived here for 50 years and have never seen a wolf, so something has changed and we have to represent the concerns of our people," he said.

Council agreed that a representative from MNR should be invited to a subsequent meeting to address these concerns.

Council Agrees to Improvements at Haliburton Lake Beach

A recent request by the Haliburton Lake Cottager's Association to contribute to the public beach area has been agreed to by the Dysart Council. The association reminded Council that the beach

is quite possibly the best to be found in the municipality and people will travel some distances to enjoy it.

In support of the hundreds and hundreds of hours of volunteer labour, not to mention substantial funding invested by HLCA, the association requested a new dock, picnic tables, a storage unit for swim program and life saving equipment, removal of several dead trees as well as increased maintenance funding.

Reeve Fearrey said, "This is a premier beach," and Council concurred. Some discussion took place about the most appropriate storage unit for the site, but Council agreed that request will be supported and they will work with the association to achieve its goals. ■

The Olympics Comes to Stuart Baker

Students from Stuart Baker Elementary School held their own kind of Winter Olympics last Friday. Getting in the Olympic spirit the kids came together on the school field and began their own opening ceremony.



The classes lined up and sang the national anthem and then one class carefully carried their own specially made torch. The children ran across the specially marked pylons that represented each province. A ribbon was cut by Stuart Baker Principal France Meunier and the games officially began.



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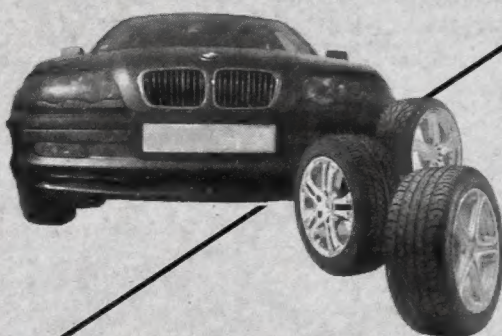
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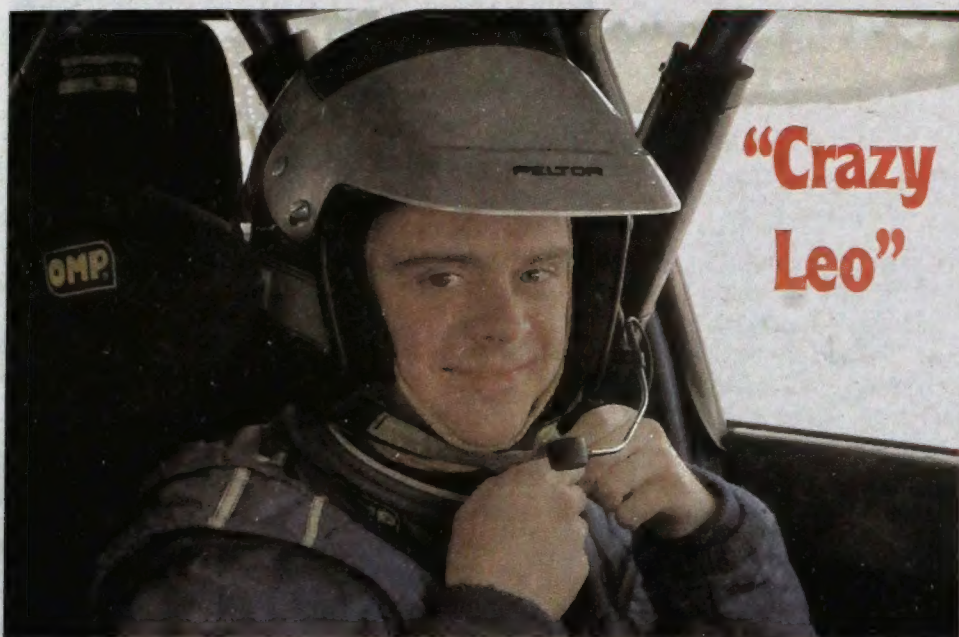
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Photos and Story By Gord Barter

Magnum Ice Races Welcomes...



The Magnum Ice Race series was surprised this weekend by the appearance of World Rally driver Leo Urichich better know to his fans as Crazy Leo. Leo came from Moscow Russia with his 530 Horsepower Subaru WRX to compete in the in the weekend event. Leo has never driven on a pure ice race track and had a bit of adjusting to do as he races mostly on dirt tracks in Europe.

The Kinsmen Club have been informed that Leo will be back the weekend of Feb. 20th to compete once again with rumours that another World Rally Champ may be making an appearance! It is recommended that if you want to see some exciting racing head on down to the Minden Fairgrounds and enjoy the show! ■

THURSDAY



Breezy with a few snow showers
▲ -6° ▼ -9°

FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy with flurries
▲ -4° ▼ -9°

SATURDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and colder
▲ -8° ▼ -14°

SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy and cold
▲ -8° ▼ -14°

MONDAY



Continued cloudy and cold
▲ -8° ▼ -15°

TUESDAY



Cold with a few flurries
▲ -9° ▼ -17°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy and very cold
▲ -10° ▼ -18°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be breezy today with a chance of snow showers. Highs will be near 6 below. Cloudy tonight with a few flurries. Lows near 10 below. Skies will remain cloudy on Friday with a few flurries possible. Highs near 5 below. It will be drier and colder this weekend. Highs will be in the upper single digits below zero.

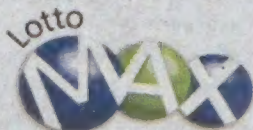
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Antigua	31/23/su	31/23/su	31/26/su	Nassau	22/17/su	23/18/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/26/su	32/26/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	29/21/sh	30/21/sh	33/26/cl
Bermuda	18/13/sh	18/12/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	28/20/pc	29/21/su	29/23/na
Cancun	22/17/cl	26/20/cl	32/26/na	St Thomas	30/24/pc	29/24/pc	28/23/pc
Curacao	33/26/pc	32/25/pc	31/24/ts	St Maarten	29/26/su	30/26/su	31/27/su
Freeport	19/14/su	21/16/pc	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	27/21/ts	29/22/cl	31/21/ra
Georgetown	29/24/ts	29/24/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	30/22/pc	29/23/sh	29/22/su
Havana	22/12/pc	22/12/cl	34/24/su	San Salvador	33/21/pc	33/22/cl	32/22/su
Key West	19/14/su	21/15/pc	22/18/pc	Santo Domingo	30/21/sh	30/21/sh	33/26/su
Kingston	27/22/ts	28/23/cl	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/23/pc	31/23/pc	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

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Barrie	-6/-9/sf	-3/-9/cl	-7/-14/cl	-7/-14/cl	-7/-14/cl	-8/-17/sf	-9/-18/cl
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Ottawa	-2/-8/sf	-1/-7/sf	-7/-14/cl	-7/-14/cl	-7/-14/cl	-8/-17/sf	-9/-18/sf
Toronto	-3/-7/sf	-2/-7/cl	-5/-12/cl	-6/-13/cl	-6/-13/cl	-7/-14/sf	-8/-16/cl

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	-2/-11/cl	-6/-17/pc	-3/-13/pc	-6/-15/cl	-11/-21/sf	-14/-24/pc	-17/-28/pc
Edmonton	-2/-13/cl	-3/-14/pc	-12/-23/cl	-19/-28/cl	-22/-31/cl	-24/-34/pc	-26/-36/pc
Fredericton	-1/-7/sf	-1/-7/sf	-2/-10/sn	-2/-11/sn	-3/-11/cl	-4/-12/sf	-4/-12/sf
Halifax	1/-2/sf	0/-4/sf	0/-6/sn	0/-6/sn	0/-7/sn	-1/-7/pc	-2/-7/pc
Montreal	-1/-6/sf	-1/-7/sf	-6/-14/cl	-7/-15/cl	-7/-16/cl	-8/-17/sf	-9/-18/sf
Regina	-6/-16/cl	-7/-16/cl	-7/-15/cl	-10/-18/cl	-14/-23/sf	-16/-26/cl	-18/-31/cl
St. John's	1/-3/sf	1/-4/sf	0/-6/sn	-1/-7/sn	-1/-7/sn	-2/-7/sf	-3/-8/cl
Saskatoon	-6/-15/cl	-8/-18/cl	-13/-21/sf	-18/-26/sf	-19/-29/sf	-23/-32/cl	-24/-33/cl
Vancouver	11/3/su	18/4/su	12/8/pc	13/7/pc	12/6/su	10/4/su	9/3/su
Whitehorse	2/-5/pc	3/-7/su	-7/-16/pc	-12/-19/cl	-13/-21/cl	-12/-22/cl	-15/-25/pc
Winnipeg	-5/-16/pc	-6/-17/pc	-7/-19/sf	-9/-21/sf	-13/-23/sf	-16/-26/sf	-18/-29/pc

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Sunday 2/14	-3°C	-9°C	12 mm
Saturday 2/13	-5°C	-21°C	0.0 mm
Friday 2/12	-6°C	-25°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 2/11	-4°C	-15°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 2/10	-2°C	-9°C	4.1 mm
Tuesday 2/9	-4°C	-21°C	0.0 mm

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Fri. 7:09 a.m./5:48 p.m.	8:57 a.m./11:57 p.m.	
Sat. 7:07 a.m./5:49 p.m.	9:27 a.m./none	
Sun. 7:06 a.m./5:50 p.m.	10:04 a.m./1:06 a.m.	
Mon. 7:04 a.m./5:52 p.m.	10:51 a.m./2:14 a.m.	
Tues. 7:02 a.m./5:53 p.m.	11:50 a.m./3:16 a.m.	
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Part II in the "Famous Last Words" series

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"Parking Meters earn more per hour than farmers do."

I am writing to correct an error in the February 11, 2010, issue of County Voice, in the article: "Farmers Market Reps Address Transient Trader By-law". I was misquoted in the article as saying that "All 2010 vendors [in the Haliburton County Farmers' Market] must be MyPick verified". What I, in fact, said was that all out-of-county farmer vendors must be MyPick verified.

I would like to explain what MyPick verification is and why the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association has adopted this requirement for out-of-county farmer vendors.

MyPick is a verification program of Farmers' Market Ontario, the body that helps organize and support farmers' markets in the province. MyPick was inaugurated in mid-summer 2009 to support legitimate farmer vendors by, at their invitation, inspecting their farms and verifying that they are genuinely growing what they sell at farmers' markets. Additionally it assures shoppers at farmers' markets that the produce they buy has not been purchased and resold, e.g., from food terminals, some produce of which comes from as far away as China. MyPick verified farmers receive an attractive poster and business cards listing what they grow and providing information about their farm and growing methods. As an aside, the cost for verification is a fully refundable \$250, once verified.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association has as a primary objective support for this county's farmers. Our farmers are confronted by problematic growing conditions including rocky soil, hilly terrain and a short growing season. We also are the poorest county in the province with many residents, not least of whom are farmers, struggling to make a living. It puts one in mind of a memorable statement, loosely paraphrased here, from one of the Wingfield Farm letters, that parking meters earn more per hour than farmers do. This is not to say that we cannot successfully produce a wide range of crops and meats; however, the challenging conditions mean that we have fewer and smaller farms than our neighbours to the south and thus less abundant produce.

It should be noted that we are in process of slow but discernible change in our farming community. We have a number of young people, as well as retirees, who have moved into the area and who want to indulge a dream of having a small farm. As well, long time resident growers are increasing their planting with the farmers' market in mind. One finds growers experimenting with techniques to extend the growing season by using plastic row covers, tunnels and greenhouses. Nevertheless, there is not yet enough grown to adequately supply our market.

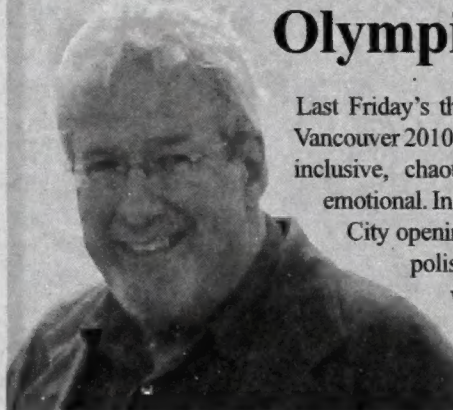
At the same time, we have consumers who expect and want more choice and who are in tune with, and motivated by, the trend toward buying locally grown food. Clearly, to maintain a vibrant and thriving market, it is essential to attract and keep our customer base. If we could reasonably meet consumer demand using only in-county farmer vendors, we

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Olympic Rings of Fire



Last Friday's three and a half hour extravaganza to open the Vancouver 2010 Olympics was an utterly Canadian affair: rooted, inclusive, chaotic, somehow unfinished, and breathtakingly emotional. In sharp contrast to the recent Beijing and Salt Lake City opening ceremonies, which were scripted, honed, and polished like perfectly executed military campaigns, we opted for wild dancing, an astonishingly broad inclusion of First Nations peoples, crazy phallic totems rising from the earth in a seemingly haphazard way (you just had to make book that something eventually would go wrong with at least one of them), followed

by stunning computer generated whales and wheat fields, forests and mountains, frenetic, entirely Canadian punk-Celt acts fiddling away as if Scotland, Ireland, and Brittany were but a dream.

And that was just the beginning. The whole affair had been overshadowed throughout the day by the sudden death of the Georgian luger at the end of a trial run. No one really wanted to address the obvious question: why have unprotected steel pillars a foot from a track where athletes are hurtling downwards at speeds over 100 kilometres an hour? But to the credit of the organizers and the unfortunate luger's brave teammates, the tributes paid and the respect and sadness shown by all managed both to honour the dead, and somehow deepen the joyous anticipation and participation of the living.

Once the whales had gone to cyber heaven, the ceremonies soared on to include live and taped performances by some of our greatest musical artists: Joni Mitchell's haunting later version of "Both Sides Now" accompanied a young athlete soaring around the stadium in a brace connected to a series of wires. In contrast again to Beijing, there were minimal efforts made to hide the flyer's metal supports, thereby somehow adding to the grace and wonder of the spectacle (or maybe it was just an error that turned out to look good).

And then, after the games had been officially opened by Governor General Michael Jean, who should rise from the stadium floor in a pure as the driven snow white suit but kd Lang herself, that down home prairie girl, our own celestial smoky Patsy Cline. Lang then proceeded to wipe out the crowd, and assuredly millions in the television audience, with a rendition of Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah that was at once anguished, tragic, serene, and filled with desire. And don't ask me how anyone manages all that, at once, in any medium.

Finally some national icons, including Julie Payette, Bobby Orr, Jacques Villeneuve, Barbara Ann Scott, Anne Murray, Romeo Dallaire, Betty Fox, and Donald Sutherland carried the flag into the stadium where four more heroes, Catriona LeMay Doan, Steve Nash, Nancy Greene and Wayne Gretsky were slated to light the four pillars (remember them?). Well, only three pillars made it, but Gretsky then had the honour of jumping into the back of a pickup and travelling, nervously, through the Vancouver streets to light the final flame at the Vancouver Convention Centre. How Canadian is that? The back of a pickup, no seat belt, in the rain, with a torch, at the end of a wild party. After that, who needs medals? Just kidding: we want and deserve lots. Go Canucks Go!

Bureaucrats, History, and Boundaries

The decision to carve up Haliburton County for Tourism Marketing purposes that would align Algonquin Highlands with Muskoka and Highlands East with the Ottawa Valley reeks of bureaucratic indifference and ignorance. Anyone with the slightest understanding of the cultural, political, and social history of the Haliburton Highlands would understand how different our world is here from that of Port Carling, Bala, and Bracebridge. If anything, we're historically closer to the Valley than to the Kawarthas, or certainly Muskoka. Perhaps this is another reason for making the argument that Haliburton needs a one-tier political system where at least one directly elected official could represent all of the County at Queen's Park, as opposed to four municipalities, and one appointed County Council and Warden. Let's hope that our current politicians can preserve our identity and take full advantage of whatever marketing opportunities are produced by Queen's Park. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

"In the end it will give us a beautiful Main Street, which is long overdue, and will be enhanced by those people who strive to make our community beautiful."

My compliments to Liz Danielsen for her article on the Kinmount sidewalks. The piece was well researched, well written, and presented all sides of the story. I am writing this letter to clarify a few points, as I wonder if the people signing Hafiz's petition know all the details, and why they didn't attend public meetings if they had concerns.

Hafiz said he didn't know about the first meeting, but I told him about it and he said he was too busy to attend. The decision to restore the sidewalks was not an arbitrary decision by the City but at the request of people who live here, voiced at public meetings hafiz didn't attend, and in the interest of public safety. Hafiz currently has five parking spots including the driveway. The City plan shows two in front of the sidewalk, two left of the driveway in front of the store (one of which he should make disabled if he is concerned) and the driveway...still five, so pardon me if I am confused? He also benefits from parking at the cenotaph.

Cars currently parked in front of the store are on the sidewalk area, and present a hazard to pedestrians particularly on backing out. Also the plan indicates most of this area is on the road allowance. The parking lot he was supposed to build at the back when he added on, could have been economically done in gravel years ago, and provided his customers with extra parking and a place for vehicles belonging to the store to park instead of at the front.

Most other businesses in town provide gravel parking lots. At the theatre with each permit we were required to complete additional parking before being permitted to operate. The five ton delivery trucks should also be accessing this driveway, as they do at the Liquor Store. The width between the roof overhangs is similar and all he needs is concrete pylons to guide them like the Liquor Store.

In the early months of 2009 Darrell Darling an engineer with the City of Kawartha Lakes & I met to see if there was some way to try and retain Hafiz's front parking under specific conditions, when I brought this up to Hafiz I was told he wasn't being told what to do! Not the spirit of compromise he talks about.

The new street plan is the end result of a lot of hardworking people, who secured the funding and advised and planned the street which is basically being returned to its original state, the way it was for over 125 years. It is necessary for safety concerns, as it seems some people have a problem figuring out where the sidewalk begins and the road ends. Hafiz has a popular store, and people will still stop there whether they can drive straight in or park on sidewalks.

The project is on hold for the weather not because of Hafiz. It will proceed in the spring unless he gets his court injunction to try and stop it. In the end it will give us a beautiful Main Street, which is long overdue, and will be enhanced by those people who strive to make our community beautiful. It will be better for all of us including Hafiz.

Keith W. Stata - Kinmount ■

Parking Meters cont'd...

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would not accept any vendors from out-of-county.

As it currently stands, we will need, from time to time, to augment our vendors by inviting in farmers from out-of-county; however, for the most part, we do not know those farmers. We also haven't the time or resources to verify that the people we invite are producing what they bring to sell. It is not enough to trust "say so" to reliably confirm that the vendor is indeed the grower.

Hence we have chosen to utilize the MyPick verification program regarding out-of-county farmer vendors to maintain the integrity of our market and to give our consumers confidence about how, where and by whom their produce is grown. Because our own farming community is small and we know one another and what we grow, we are not asking in-county farmer vendors to become MyPick verified although they are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to do so.

Sincerely yours,
Angel Taylor, Chair,
Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association ■

Dear Editor:

"To be very clear, we are not against the project as mentioned in the article."

We Hafiz and Shelina Makani, of Shop N' Save, Kinmount are responding to your one sided article titled "Kinmount Streetscape Delayed" on Thursday, February 11th, 2010.

Firstly, to be very clear, we are not against the project as mentioned in the article. The only thing that we are disputing is that the City of Kawartha Lakes eliminate high- curb and put drivable curbs in front of our store (Shop N' Save Discount Store and Convenience). Our disabled and seniors can have easy access to the store and not try to climb the curb and it will eliminate a choke point for the 53 foot trucks coming off of County Rd 45 West. In the article Stata states that we built a small addition to the north side and eliminated some of the parking. Maybe Stata should take a closer look at our building and realize that the north side was already there when we purchased the building 13 years ago. The addition was built at the back of the store three years ago. Stata states about safety concerns perhaps he should practice what he preaches, and stop feeding the bears. This puts the community at risk all year round.

Our back parking lot ground is well settled now and is ready to be paved this year and is to be used by the community as a whole for long term parking and not keeping restrictions on time limit as the post office parking lot does, which belongs to the tax payers.

Now coming to the front parking, we are a discount and a convenience store. Customers come in to get a pack of cigarettes or a coffee or other baked goods which take less than 5 minutes, this requires short term parking, which is provided in the front of the store. If the City takes away our 5 short term parking spaces in the front, it is going to be difficult for seniors and disabled to have easy access to the store and also would a devastating loss to our business. Like all convenience stores short term parking is ABSOLUTELY necessary. This short term parking was approved by the City of Kawartha Lakes and stamped on our blueprint of our building.

About the trucks, Stata states that the delivery trucks should go to the rear of the building. We have tried that and concluded that the trucks have damaged our eaves trough as well as the building next to us. There is not enough room, because it is only a one way lane, which is very narrow, fit for cars and vans only. A few months ago, Stata called the cops as well as the bylaw officer on us, telling them that the delivery trucks are parked on the sidewalks, which don't exist. Both officers were confused, questioning themselves on why they were here.

We are sorry that a lot of the merchants are upset at us, but this project is not going to affect their business as it will affect ours. Sit back and put yourselves in our shoes. According to Diane Austin, we are the only merchant opposing this project. Once again, we will be the only merchant who will be badly affected and once again WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE PROJECT! We would love to have a sidewalk in front of our store WITH a drivable curb and not a high curb. Diane Austin talks about selfless spirit of cooperation, maybe she should practice what she preaches. She says that she is the chair person for the Planning and Economic Development of Kinmount, who puts plants and hanging baskets in downtown Kinmount and the stores. Let us ask her in the last 13 years, has she EVER put any hanging flower baskets at our store. The answer is NO, and she talks about spirit of cooperation! Diane Austin states that one person should not have the power, shouldn't she practice what she preaches. We have been recently told that she is employed by the City of Kawartha Lakes?

There are four signs that say "Welcome to Kinmount" located at the 4 County roads entering Kinmount. The funds for those signs were generated from Shop N' Save through the sales of Nevada Tickets and money was given to the Planning and Economic Development Committee. We think that is the spirit of cooperation.

In the article it states that some of the merchants accused us of "brow beating" our customers into signing the petitions. Our customers have appreciated the fact they have been able to make their own independent decisions. We have learned to make an effort to know our customers and how loyal, intelligent and caring

they can be; perhaps other merchants can learn from this.

In the letter by Stata e-mailed to the MOE's Adam Sanzo, Stata states quote "Darrell Darling from the City drove up to meet with me to see if I would approve Hafiz's requests and talk with the others to see if there was some common ground. I said it was possible if Hafiz finished his parking at the back." end of quote. We wonder who the project manager really is. Is it Darrell Darling from the City or Keith Stata? As it states in the article, getting satisfactory results depends on who you are. Let us rephrase a sentence quoted in the article, quote. "Makani has suggested that he would stop the injunction if the City goes back to square one and the City holds another public meeting" end quote. What we meant was that if the City could go back to the drawing board and accommodate our requests as they have accommodated other requests from other merchants, in the best interest of their businesses.

In conclusion, we want to clarify again to my fellow merchants and the community on the whole. WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE PROJECT AND WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE SIDEWALKS. The only thing that we are against is that the City not put high-curbs, but put drivable curbs in front of our store.

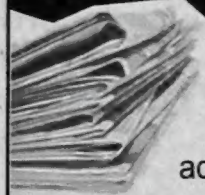
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County Split on New Tourism Regions

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Smith said, "While initially there seemed to be some wiggle room when it came to the boundaries, by the end of the meeting he stated categorically that the boundaries were fixed."

According to Smith, despite Kurtz being adamant about the boundaries, he had said it wouldn't preclude the County as a whole from marketing itself as a destination point with traditional partners like the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Smith said that 162 people from across the province had also participated in a conference call with the ADM. "There were a lot of people very unhappy about the boundaries as many alignments have split existing groups. 'Northern Ontario are not only unhappy; they weren't even polite about it in their comments to the ADM with accusations of poor consultation. Region 13 was not what they expected or wanted.'"

Smith also said, "There are a lot of unknowns on how marketing will proceed and we're still in the dark on how funds will be disseminated, but because we are in two regions there is a possibility that there could be some benefit."

Smith said that after the meeting, those present were in total agreement that they would much prefer Haliburton County to be aligned with Region 8 (Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Peterborough counties) as originally recommended and where strong alliances have already been established.

To further detail their concerns, a letter was sent to the Tourism and Culture Minister Michael Chan under the Warden's signature, stressing their desire to be partnered with Region 8, 'which would fulfill the Ministry's goal of reducing the number of tourism organizations in the province while enhancing the promotion of a major area of central Ontario through a single regional tourism organization.' The letter from Burton also voiced strong apprehension over the alignment of Algonquin Highlands with the Muskoka area which differs so dramatically from Haliburton.

Attempts to set up a meeting between Chan and the members of County Council who are scheduled to attend the Ontario Good Roads conference in Toronto next week are ongoing, but Burton said he was fairly confident that the meeting would take place.

When Smith finished his report to Council Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey voiced some serious concerns. He said, "There's a bit of a blame game going on here, but there was never any hope that we would be our own region. The question is in the fairness of the decision. I can't determine the rationale of the province but there has been some suggestion that we have failed and I kind of resent that; so I need to know if we could have prevented this."

Smith however, said that he had been very comfortable with the Sorbara Report's maps and alignment that had clearly shown Haliburton in an 'Area 7' along with the City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough as traditional alliances.

"What changed between then and now (Smith raised his hands)...?"

Fearrey said, "We didn't participate in the split and we need that to be known as well as the fact that we aren't the only ones in this situation."

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon agreed saying, "We got bulldozed and people feel we haven't stood up to the Ministry."

In response to a question by Fearrey to Smith on whether he had input, Smith said, "Yes, but obviously not enough." He confirmed that he had been given no indication of a change being in the wind.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said, "We're unsure exactly what this will mean to us, but we're likely to be lost in the marketing." To this Fearrey commented that, on the other side of the coin, it was possible that Algonquin Highlands would be marketed by both areas.

According to Smith there will be an annual \$40 million dollar pot for marketing with an additional \$25 million dollars for the first year, to be divided among the regional tourism organizations (RTO's). He commented that it was possible that funding distribution may be based on a 'heads & beds' count.

According to Smith each of the lower tier municipalities will be forwarding letters to the Minister's office supporting the Council's position. In addition a letter will be sent from the Chamber of Commerce and the members of the Haliburton County Tourism Board in the hopes of applying pressure to the Minister.

During the recent Algonquin Highlands meeting, the issue was discussed briefly and the Council confirmed that a letter would be sent to the Minister detailing their concerns about being separated into a different region.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said, "This is important. The new regions created should be of grave concern to the entire area, particularly the tourism stakeholders. They should mobilize and write letters of their own." But as an aside, Moffatt also said that from a different perspective it might work out well for Algonquin Highlands. "We get along fine with Muskoka, but from the County perspective it is bad news."

Meanwhile, many of the tourism stakeholders are putting their heads together, trying to determine the best path to follow. Initial requests to get letters out as quickly as possible to the Minister were met with some interesting responses, particularly from one significant stakeholder.

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve has suggested that before anyone jumped the gun a few things should be taken into consideration.

Schleifenbaum says that the fact that the county has been divided could be a reflection on its lack of success in creating its own unique 'Haliburton' brand. He also said that when looking at the map of the regions it could very well be that Dorset and the northern portions of Algonquin Highlands may have more in common with the economy and tourism fabric of Muskoka and Lake of Bays than places like Harcourt and Cardiff that might prefer alliances with Bancroft and the Ottawa Valley.

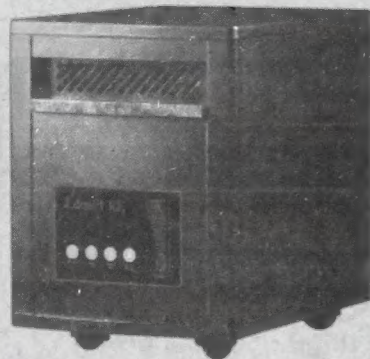
He also suggested that before taking on the Ministry about the way the division has taken place, the County should seek strong allies, even suggesting that a strong alliance with Algonquin Park could be a viable alternative for Haliburton.

Schleifenbaum says that before he complains, he wants to be absolutely sure what he is complaining about and when asked, there are viable and desirable alternatives to offer.

The bottom line at this point is simple and reflected in a comment by Warden Burton when he said, "At this point we have yet to determine the full impact this will have on the County."

Smith has said that he hopes the meeting with the Minister is fruitful. ■

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Dad Delivers Baby in Grumpy's Taxi

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Stan quickly turned the van around to head to Minden hospital instead: at that point they were just approaching Kinmount.

Stan swiftly pulled over to a safe spot on a side road in Kinmount and Emily climbed in the back of the taxi. That's when Jason Robert Kyle Spencer made his way into the world.

Although having no prior experience of delivering babies Kyle did what instinct told him to do. He explains, "I was a little scared once I'd seen the crowning but I knew what I had to do. Emily gave one push and he came out. I started stripping off my clothes to wrap him in something and Stan grabbed blankets from Emily's hospital bag. I rubbed his back and cleared the mucus from his mouth."

Stan's wife, Carol, had already radioed in for police assistance and for an ambulance. The first to get to the scene was a police officer who after checking all was well with the family started teaching Kyle how to tie the umbilical cord. Kyle adds "I had just got the shoelaces pulled out from my shoes ready to tie the umbilical cord when the ambulance showed up."

Paramedics cut the cord and Emily, Kyle and Jason were taken by ambulance to Minden. After mum and baby were checked over they went to Lindsay hospital to stay in the maternity ward. Stan's taxi went back to work the same day after a rigorous cleaning.

Stan also wasn't expecting for the bundle of joy to enter the world so quickly, especially in his taxi. He says, "It was quite the experience. I was shocked." He adds laughing, "I thought this can't be happening in my cab! Emily and Kyle were so calm throughout. I was coaxing them and my main concern was to cut the umbilical cord because of possible infection and to make sure the baby was crying and breathing ok. It was a fantastic experience though. Kyle was unbelievable, he was so natural."

Jason weighed 6lb 10oz, 19 inches in length and carries a full head of red hair. He joins his older brother and sister, Gage, five and Desaria, three. Jason was named after Emily's older brother who recently passed away from cystic fibrosis at the age of 23.

Jason's birth will be a story to tell for many years to come in the family. Emily adds laughing, "I definitely didn't want him to be born in a taxi but timing is timing!" ■ □

Village Barn Newly Renovated Space Available

The Village Barn has been completely renovated after the fire that ripped through it last October and now has professional office or retail space available on the upper and lower levels.

Masters Bookshop which had taken up residence at the Village Barn since 1985; moved the books back in last Monday. Masters Owner Cathy Stouffer says, "We are gradually restocking the area, our stock is completely the same and we're still in the same area we were before."

Dovetail Interiors, an interior design company, now resides in the area where Franka's Cafe was situated. Wendy Snelgrove the owner of the business hopes to move into the barn by March 1st at the latest. The front area now comprises a small loft section and a fireplace will shortly be built into the stone wall.

Although most of the fire damage was located in the downstairs area of the barn, Village Barn Owner and Royal LePage Broker Anthony VanLieshout commented, "Most of the renovations we did were upstairs. It was a somewhat dated area; it's now turned into a business type centre with one professional space available."

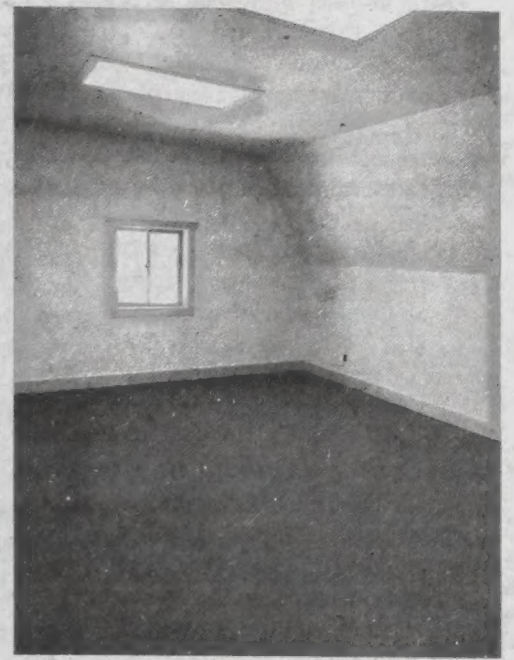
The Cottage Dreams charity occupies a portion of the upper level of the barn. They moved into their offices on February 1st.

The Village Barn renovations now feature wood walls instead of regular drywall to emphasize the look and feel of a contemporary barn restoration. Tall ceilings echo the loft style features.

Downstairs there are two more large areas which boast slate tiles and roomy accommodation for either retail or office space.

The outside of the Barn looks a little different too. The window size has been increased to allow for better displays in the front area. In the spring they'll do paint touch ups.

To contact Anthony VanLieshout regarding renting a space call him on (705) 457 2414 ext.27. ■



Haliburton BIA Holds their Annual General Meeting.

By Zoe Cittern

Haliburton Village BIA held their Annual General Meeting on February 8th at the Dysart Library.

Business owners along the main street came together and heard from the Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey and guest speaker Judy Coward, economic development consultant from the ministry of agriculture and rural affairs.

Fearrey began the meeting by saying, "How appreciative I am of what the BIA does. Business isn't always great especially in these times and if there is ever a time when people need a BIA it's now." Fearrey commented that the Haliburton BIA "spends their money wisely and Haliburton is a good place to shop. The streetscape plan is exciting and we've made applications for funding for it."

Judy Coward spoke of the municipality's consistent help and advice and that lots of improvements had already been completed on the downtown area. She gave helpful insight into resources that are available online for the BIA.

Ms. Coward further mentioned the idea of expanding the BIA's geographical area: there were a number of questions from the members. The area of the BIA is determined by municipal by law. Coward added, "in the past that was quite a rigorous process to change. Those rules were changed two years ago with a change to the municipality act. The rules can be developed between the BIA and council to determine what the requirements are." By expanding the area it can bring a boost to the current BIA. Coward stated, "by bringing everybody into the BIA organisation you've got all members involved working together for your downtown. Secondly you've got more ideas to help with fundraising and events. Even a few more people helping can make it that much more enjoyable for everyone."

After the speeches and the budget for 2010 the BIA elected seven officers for the forthcoming year, chair Bob Park, vice-chair Luke Schell, treasurer Janet Sheehy, Ray Langdon, Nelly Ashworth, Melinda O'Mara and Dysart Councillor Andrea Roberts. Jim Frost will continue his position as administrator.

The BIA holds their meetings every first Monday of each month. ■

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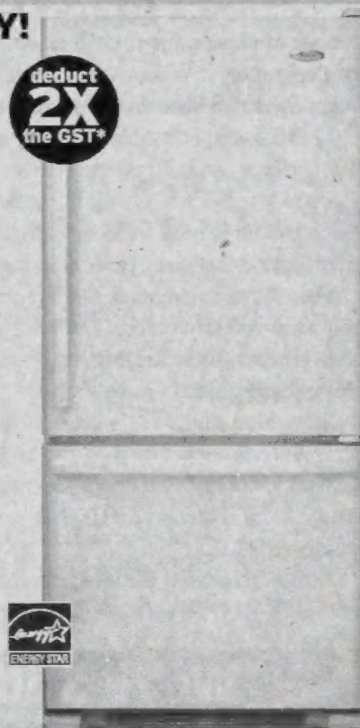
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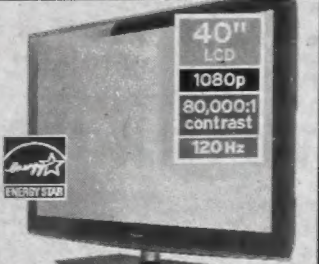


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Making a decision on the best approach to fire protection in Highlands East has plagued the Council for years, and over the past week, it wasn't any easier. During the last election the firehalls became a huge campaign platform for some candidates and it just may become something for candidates to ride on into the upcoming election as there is little doubt that there is a bit more politicking going on throughout the County as the weeks pass.

After months and even years of considering what to do with the existing six firehalls, the Highlands East Council has come full circle, right back to where they started from with one exception.

Despite recommendations from Fire Consultant Peter Corfield that the firehall in Cardiff be replaced, and suggestions that the halls in Wilberforce and Highlands Grove posed substantial health and safety risks that would be far too expensive to overcome, the Council has decided to keep them all with the exception of Tory Hill, and pour money into making urgently needed repairs at the halls in Wilberforce and Highland Grove.

This is definitely contrary to previous decisions by Council. On at least two occasions last year, Council, including Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie and Councillor Gary Stoughton, was in agreement that they should reduce the number of halls to four, selling the Tory Hill Station and utilizing the Highland Grove Station for cold storage or offering it out for rent. Discussions had taken place about building a new station or stations in a variety of locations including Cardiff, Wilberforce or even on municipal property at the intersection of McGillivray and Huston Road.

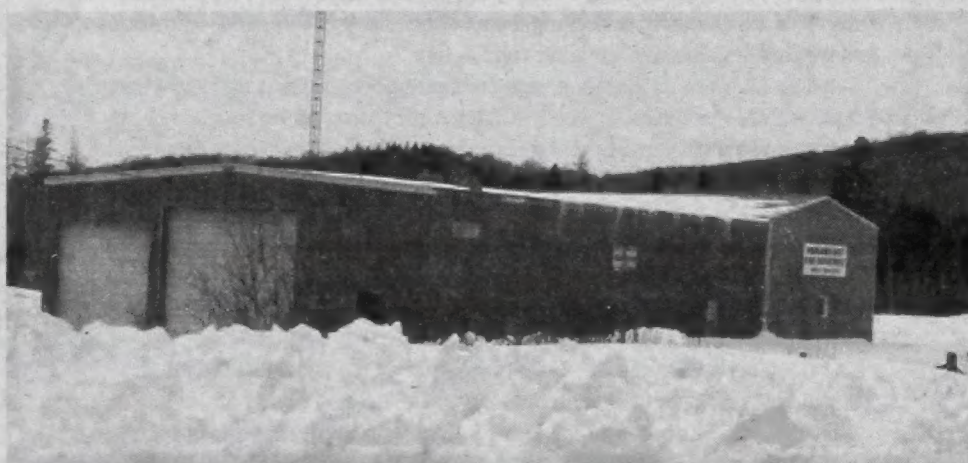
In January Council finally unanimously agreed to submit an application for infrastructure funding to build a new firehall just outside of Wilberforce proper. The new hall was expected to replace the halls in Wilberforce and Highland Grove. However, the estimated cost of a million dollars did not sit well with Mackie or Stoughton who felt they should be able to build two halls with the same money.

During Fire Chief Bill Wingrove's report to Council on

Highlands East Council Changes Position on Firehalls Again

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter



HIGHLANDS EAST FIRE DEPARTMENT Station 2 Highland Grove

In a comment that seemed to come out of the blue, Stoughton said it would not be to the municipality's benefit to close the Highland Grove hall. Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie agreed, saying that neither the firefighters nor residents in the area were in favour of closing the firehall or with any form of amalgamation of departments. Wingrove, however, said that amalgamation of manpower had been working out quite well.

Discussion ensued about the benefits of firefighters from Wilberforce and Highland Grove responding together with Reeve Dave Burton saying that it had worked well during a trial period. Both Burton and Mackie agreed that the firefighters were getting more calls and more training.

When Wingrove agreed, Mackie challenged him saying, "That's not what you said before. Let's not go around in circles." Burton then reminded Mackie that he (Mackie) had previously agreed to close the Highland Grove firehall.

Stoughton said, "Let's get back to basics. We campaigned to keep the halls open, so let's live up to our promises for once."

Mackie commented about the estimated cost of a new hall and said, "Even if it costs \$50,000 or even \$100,000 it will be cheap compared to that."

Burton reminded Council that the discussion was focused on

the Highland Grove hall and whether it should stay in place.

Wingrove commented that if he could have the budget required to maintain the halls he would be happy and the discussion turned to making necessary repairs.

Finally a resolution was passed authorizing repairs to the Highland Grove firehall using township employees wherever possible. (CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig later confirmed that repairs to the Wilberforce firehall will have to wait until further budget review takes place.)

The discussion then turned to the possibility of installing dry hydrants and using a shuttle system in the future. (This involves drawing water from a reliable, accessible and continuous source of water and moving the water by tanker from the water source to the site of the fire, dumping it into a temporary storage facility or portable tank and repeating the cycle.) Wingrove confirmed that more and more insurance companies are pushing for this type of service and Council agreed to consider the cost during final budget deliberations.

Later in the meeting Partridge reported that she would be attending a meeting in Highland Grove to listen to concerns about the Fire Department. It was agreed that as many members of Council as possible should attend and the discussion was left at that.

The saga continued in the Highland Grove Community Centre two days later where as many as 50 Highland Grove and Harcourt residents gathered to raise concerns and ask questions of Council. Burton, Mackie, Stoughton and Partridge were in attendance. Janet Harnden, who was instrumental in setting up the meeting, voiced strong concerns about the long term plan to close their firehall.

Weeping at the thought of their firehall closing, Harnden said, "We all worked very hard to establish a firehall here and see a new hall built in Paudash, and we're very proud of that."

Another resident voiced concern about her insurance skyrocketing if the distance from the firehall to her home increased substantially.

Harnden said that everything possible had been done to keep the costs of the Highland Grove firehall down. She then said, "We have heard on the radio that the powers that be have decided that amalgamation doesn't work and this is a perfect example of that. Each community just works to get whatever they can for themselves. If the township is to grow we must have total amalgamation. It can't be just Wilberforce!"

Partridge stood and thanked Harnden for her comments, acknowledging that the firehalls are an emotional topic for some. Partridge said, "Our Council has disbanded the idea of amalgamating the Fire Departments. We have agreed to put a substantial amount of money into fixing up the original side of the Highland Grove firehall." Despite previously cited health and safety concerns, Partridge said that one of the primary reasons that Council had considered its closure was the astronomical cost to heat the big garage.

According to Partridge the firefighters in the area had made it clear that they were not interested in travelling out of Highland Grove to protect the community. She said, "So your firehall is safe."

In response to a question about whether the decision was temporary or long term, Partridge said, "We can't speak for future Councils, but for now that is the case." Partridge then acknowledged the blood, sweat and tears that had gone into the firehalls, adding that she relied heavily on the Highway 28 hall herself.

Partridge reminded the residents that not everything had gone into Wilberforce, and that only recently the building department had been moved to Gooderham, something that she said had worked out quite well.

Harnden suggested that the municipality should publish what is being done in all of the communities and another member of the group asked when something would be moved into Highland Grove.

Burton reminded the audience that there were some health and safety issues in the hall that needed to be addressed and that the municipality would be moving the fire department into the other side of the building. "It will be tight, but we'll have to deal with that." Burton also cautioned that Council would soon have to deal with the age of some of the firefighters and find a way to attract new recruits.

Basil Cox inquired about a comment made during the recent Council meeting by Partridge that Council would have to take another look at things if grant money was received, but Partridge

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denied making the comment.

Harnden, taking a more direct approach asked if the Council had applied for a grant. Burton confirmed that they could be eligible for 90 percent of the funding required for a new facility adding that the funds might have to be refused. He also confirmed that there had been some talk of readjusting the halls and even building two new firehalls, but added if that didn't take place he understood that it might be possible to put some of the money into renovations or improvements to existing facilities.

One Harcourt resident said, "You are slowly putting the rest of us at risk. You're like Dysart; you don't care about us."

Mackie spoke about existing fire protection in Highlands East, saying that no one, even in Toronto, would get a better rating than Highlands East. He said that the savings realized by closing the Highland Grove hall would quickly be eaten up by the increased cost of maintaining a new firehall. Mackie said, "This is for the protection of life and property and if you can get there within five minutes..." Mackie also referred to the consultant's report as B.S. He said, "As long as we can meet a 625 rating you're good to go."

Burton introduced the idea of a shuttle service, saying it would reduce insurance costs considerably. As there were a number of fire fighters in attendance, that turned the discussion to existing firefighting equipment, guidelines for replacement, where equipment was supposed to be located and the idea of partnering with the County to install dry hydrants in the Harcourt area.

In response to a comment that the thought of their hall closing had been demoralizing to the firefighters, Burton said, "I am very proud of the Fire Department. Sometimes we have to dictate certain things like training, but for the most part there is excellent cooperation and I appreciate what you do for us. You have to handle some pretty tough situations."

Burton assured everyone that repairs would be made to the Highland Grove hall over the next couple of months.

When asked later why Council had made such an abrupt turnaround, Burton said, "Our residents have made it clear that they would like to keep their firehalls to the greatest extent possible and that is what we have delivered." Burton repeated concerns voiced earlier at the meeting about the fact that, "Some of the firefighters are aging which would cause a review of things over the next few years unless new recruits can be found."

Burton commented that he was not sure Council had achieved exactly what they had set out to do, but was quick to say that he was very pleased to see the number of people that had turned out in support of their fire hall. ■

Students from the grade seven class who are helping to keep track of the food items. Front row from left: Brittany Haywood, Shelby Smith and Robin Hogarth. Back row from left: Hunter McTeague, Owen Flood and Hunter Smith



100 Days of Caring

By Zoe Cittern

The Trillium Lakelands District Board has partnered with local food banks in a February "Food for All" food raising campaign. Instead of collecting one or two non-perishable items for the food banks students will aim to collect one hundred.

The campaign took place the week of the 100th day of the school year which began February 8th.

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School Principal Traci Hubbert explains, "We've done food drives before, especially around the Christmas period but collecting the food now shows the students that people are hungry all times of the year. 100 days of caring is how we can be supportive and helpful."

Laurie Bowker, a teacher at J.D.H. came up with the slogan 100 cans 'can' make a difference. She bought in 100 cans to a school assembly so the students could see exactly what 100 cans looked like. Each grade from the school was then challenged to bring in 100 cans per grade. The food collected from J.D.H. will be donated to the 4C's food bank in Haliburton.

Ms. Hubbert says that "there was no pressure for the students to bring any food in, we only asked them to bring what they could." Speaking last Tuesday all the grades were close to 100 cans per grade. As of Tuesday morning this week they had collected 529 food items. ■

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Pictured on far left; musher Sasha Fernando with his German pointer, Sarge. On the right; Jamaican musher Damion Robb and pictured below; Logan McCready-DeBruin races his Siberian huskies.

Derby huskies were surrounded by multitudes of other breeds of dogs.

Sasha Fernando, from Owen Sound competed in the two-dog skijoring category races with a Pudelpointer and a German pointer. Sasha, who also competed last year, stumbled into the sport by chance. He explains that, "The German pointer was so full of energy so to really zap that out of him I started skijoring with him. I got my second dog, the pudelpointer last year. That breed has been bred for years as hunting dogs. I soon started skijoring with the both of them." Sasha would love to get two more dogs so he could race on a sled but the size of his apartment puts rest to that idea for the moment. In the meantime he competes in other races across Ontario and hopes to start a similar dog sled event in Owen Sound.

Sasha is a relative newcomer to the sport, but he's one musher who has been bitten by the addictive nature of dog sledding. Another musher who knows only too well the adrenaline rush of the sport is Walter Grohman, who operates his team named Millennium Runners.

Walter has been racing his Siberian huskies for 26 years. He competed in the four-dog and six-dog races on the weekend, stating, "I did pretty good. I didn't win but I didn't come last!" Walter explained that he first came to a dog sled race with just one dog but after a six-dog musher asked him to help him apply the brake on the sled he was using, Walter was captivated by the spirit and excitement of the six-dog team. He says that, "I knew then that I was going to have to start racing more dogs!"

The Haliburton Highlands Dog Sled Derby showed the many visitors at the event that it wasn't just about placing first in their category but really about the excitement of racing in such an incredible and interesting sport that takes part every year in our own back yard. ■

Miss Canada Visits Haliburton, Checks out the Dogs

By Zoe Cittern



Bridget Nickerson, Miss Canada International 2010, swapped her crown and pageant dresses for snow pants and snow boots as she welcomed mushers and dogs to the ninth annual Haliburton Dog Sled Derby.

The races were held at the Pinestone Resort over the Family Day weekend. Bridget was all smiles as she counted down the start time for each musher racing in the four-dog race.

Miss Canada International is currently touring across the country and decided to make Haliburton County one of her many stops along her long journey. Bridget later visited McKecks and on Family Day she made her way to Winterdance to take part in a dog sled tour of her own.

Miss Canada International differs from most pageants in that it doesn't judge the contestants on their aesthetics or body size. Instead they are judged on personality, intellect and charity platforms amongst other attributes. There is not a swimsuit or talent category in the competition.

Bridget was adamant she wanted to dispel myths about; that all pageants are beauty contests. In an interview with the Voice on Sunday she told us "I'd like to get rid of that stereotype at any opportunity that I can. It's so much more than the beauty and as I grew up I realized that this is a scholarship program: I'm not being judged on how I look. I'm being judged on how I can perform as an independent woman."

Miss Canada International is the largest national scholarship achievement program in Canada for women aged 19 to 26. The scholarships are scholastic awards given to the titleholders exclusively for use in furthering their education.

After winning a local pageant in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia close to her home town of Kentville she went on to win Miss Nova Scotia International 2009, which is a preliminary for Miss Canada International.

Bridget became Miss Canada International on April 19th 2009. She spent ten days in Toronto being judged on a number of different aspects of her life and aspirations. She explains, "We were judged from the moment we woke up to the moment we went to bed. They looked at the way we interacted with people, how we communicated with each other and how we carried ourselves etc."

When she won the competition last August she explains that the pageant has helped her "fulfill personal goals and complete charity work. It's such an amazing opportunity. It lets me see our wonderful nation."

Bridget is used to the small town atmosphere that exists in places like Haliburton. She adds, "I love the city, it's a great place to visit but I'm a small town girl. Haliburton reminds me a lot of home, it's so nice to be somewhere where you can really enjoy yourself."

Although she will hang up her crown in August this year and will begin training in massage therapy in Bedford, Nova Scotia, at the Canadian college of Massage and Hydrotherapy, Bridget will not leave her pageant days behind her for good. She says that, "Although I will miss it and it's an amazing life to live I'll still have an opportunity to help out with other pageants and charities. I just won't be the front runner anymore."

After her run is up Bridget hopes to settle down in her hometown. For the meantime she will tour Ontario for another month, visiting Ottawa and Montreal along the way. She hopes to visit cities and towns in Western Canada as well. Right now she says, "The rest of the plans are up in the air, but its much more fun like that. It's a nice surprise when you wake up and hear what you'll be doing that day, every day is so different."

Bridget will return to Nova Scotia after her month traveling in Ontario. Will she compete in any other pageants after this one, like Miss World? "For me this is the top, being the largest scholarship program I can't see myself being satisfied if I were to go anywhere else. This will be the end of my pageant career in August, and I'll go back to school and start my own life again." ■



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Have you been to the dog sled derby before? Did you enjoy it? What will you do on family day?



Dan Purdham, Newmarket
It's our first time at the dog sled derby, it's awesome! We thought Frost Fest was on Sunday and we wanted to go to that but I think we'll check out Winterfest in Minden instead. We brought the kids up for the weekend to go to Frost Fest and for the dog derby. There's always something happening in Haliburton, this event is a great idea for the community.

Don Gage, Minden
We ran Willow Beach cottages for 14 years so we were always so busy that we never had time to go the derby. This is our first year, we've sponsored it for a number of years though. It's great for the community; it brings tourists to the area and it's a good winter activity. We're going to the ice racing later on Sunday and we might go there on family day too.



Rick Fry, Meaford
It's really interesting being here at the dog races, it's something brand new that I haven't seen before, it's normally something you only see on the television. We snow shod both days this weekend today. If we're in the area again we'll definitely come back to them. We're going back home on Monday.

Joe Ficker, Holland Landing
It's a very good event, we come up every year, I really like the skijoring race. We're going to McKecks later on Sunday and we might go to the auction they are having. It'll be interesting to see the renovations they did. It's our fourth year of coming to the races. It's a good community event. We'll spend family day at home with the family and friends.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Warming Migration



A group of Galapagos fur seals has for the first time in recorded history abandoned its world-famous nature preserve home to live in the steadily warming waters of coastal Peru. The Organization for Research and Conservation of Aquatic Animals (ORCA) says about 30 of the marine mammals appear to have been attracted to ocean temperatures 1,000 miles to the southeast that are now similar to those in the Galapagos archipelago. The Peruvian Geophysics Institute says ocean temperatures around the country's Foca Island, where the fur seals now live, have warmed from about 63 degrees Fahrenheit 10 years ago to a little above 73 degrees this year.

Emerging Island



The Japanese Coast Guard reported that smoke from an underwater volcano near Iwo Jima was billowing from the ocean surface in an eruption that could form a permanent island. Known as Fukutoku-Okanoba, the volcano has risen above the sea surface three times since it was first observed in 1904, but eventually disappeared within two years due to wave erosion. In 1914, the volcano had reached about 1,000 feet in height with a circumference of about 7.5 miles.

South Seas Cyclone



Cyclone Pat battered part of the Cook Islands archipelago in the South Pacific with winds of more than 90 mph. The New Zealand Red Cross reports the storm severely damaged about 90 percent of the houses on Aitutaki. It was the most powerful storm to hit the low-lying coral atoll in about 20 years. The cyclone then spared the main island of Rarotonga before weakening over cooler waters.

Hitching a Wind



Migrating insects have been observed using superhighways of air to travel at speeds of up to 60 mph, which allow them to reach their seasonal destination far more quickly than many migrating birds. "By flying at the heights where the wind currents are fastest, migratory moths can travel between their summer and winter grounds in just a few nights," researcher Jason Chapman from the Rothamsted Research Institute wrote in the journal *Nature*. He and his team used narrow-beam radar to track the specific headings of the insects migrating across southern Europe. They found that if the winds aloft were just right, large numbers of the moths would take flight to hitch a ride on them up to 2,500 feet in altitude. Chapman theorized that the insects probably use visual clues in making their decisions. But he says they must also have some kind of internal compass and an inherited sense of direction.

Kiwi Drought



Native birds in northern New Zealand are on the brink of starvation due to a protracted drought, according to wildlife experts. Whangarei Native Bird Recovery Center director Robert Webb told the New Zealand Press Association that the volunteer-run clinic had been overwhelmed by native birds brought in since December, including seven North Island kiwi and about 40 native wood pigeons. Ground hardened by the arid conditions makes it impossible for adult birds and chicks to peck through the surface to get grubs and other food. "They just can't probe the ground at all because their little beak is just too soft," Webb said. He suggested people soak kernels of corn in hot water and put them out for the birds to eat.

Earthquakes



Tall buildings across Taiwan rocked for about a minute following a 6.3 magnitude temblor that struck beneath the Pacific about 100 miles offshore. More than 10 motorists became trapped overnight on a stretch of road after the shaking brought rocks, mud and boulders cascading down onto the roadway.

• Earth movements were also felt in western Sumatra, far southern New Zealand, western Japan, a wide area of southern Mexico, northern Illinois and New Brunswick, Canada.

Nectar Junkies?



Bees prefer nectar from plants that appear to add small doses of nicotine and caffeine to the sugary liquid to entice the insects into pollinating them, according to researchers in Israel. Professor Ido Izhaki and colleagues from the University of Haifa offered bees artificial nectar with various levels of the two stimulants, along with offerings of just nectar, to see how much of the additives they preferred. Izhaki says the results showed the bees clearly had a preference for nectar containing nicotine and caffeine at levels found in nature over the "clean" nectar. But if offered nectar with higher concentrations of nicotine, the bees clearly demonstrated a preference for the drug-free version. Results also suggested that while the sugars in nectar are there to give bees the energy to pollinate, the stimulants may have resulted from evolutionary processes to make the pollination more efficient. Further research was needed to determine if the insects actually become addicted to the drugs, Izhaki said.

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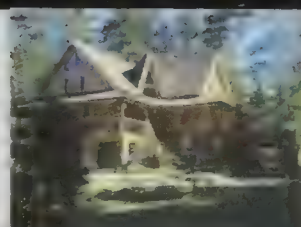
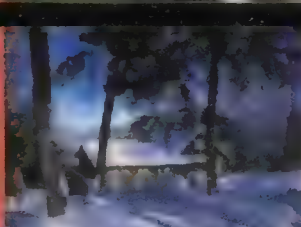
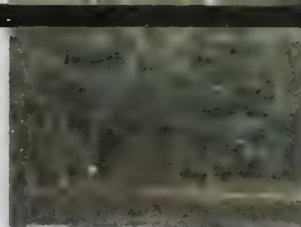
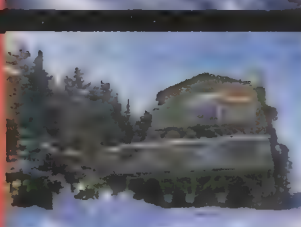
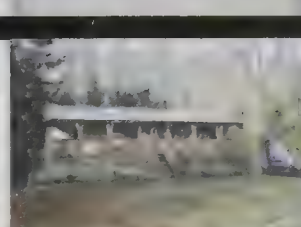
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County Takes Steps to Improve Communications

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

In the first of a series of presentations to improve communications with the lower tier municipalities, Bob Smith, Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing for the County, met with the Dysart Council on February 8th to review his department's mandate and provide some updates on successes and challenges over the past year.

"Our mandate is to promote business expansion and employment opportunities by encouraging the retention and expansion of existing investment, attracting new investment and facilitating entrepreneurship," Smith said.

Smith reviewed his department's various methods of promoting the County through consumer shows, electronic and print media, and consultation with local tourism operators as well as through the general dissemination of information. "And we're getting good results," he said.

A number of tourism related statistics were provided, indicating that visits by overseas and U.S. residents have decreased substantially since 2008 and over 80 percent of the tourists in the area came from Ontario.

According to Smith, the statistics show that the economic impact of tourism on Ontario was over \$22 billion dollars in 2007 and reports suggest that over \$99 million dollars was spent in Haliburton County during that year. Last year the traffic count through the information centre on Highway 35 was 15,649 compared to 5486 in 2002, showing continued growth in tourism activity.

"Contrary to some of the things heard in the rest of the province, we are at least getting people in the door. It will be up to the service providers to keep them here," he said. Smith said that his department would continue to promote the county's strengths through events and continued liaison with a variety of organizations including local BIAs, Chambers of Commerce and the Haliburton County Tourism Board. He urged members of council to visit the county's tourism promotional site www.haliburtonholidays.com. "The website provides information and accommodations and generally shows what there is for visitors to see in the County. The site changes with the seasons and is scheduled to be revamped during 2010."

Smith then turned to a review of the economic development responsibilities of his department. He said, "There are three prime pillars to local economic development; attraction, retention and expansion," and according to Smith, while attracting business is extremely important, retention is even more important.

Local business attraction initiatives include having an 'ambassador group' meet with new investors, preparing promotional brochures for each of the lower tier jurisdictions, maintaining the business development website with timely data, networking with local organizations and strengthening ties with local realtors. One key initiative in attracting business is to work with municipalities to encourage a general clean-up of existing industrial areas.

Smith also listed continuing external initiatives which included enhanced relationships with various government organizations and representatives of Ontario Exports & Canadian Consuls

"We're getting good results." (Bob Smith)



General, federal and provincial economic development corporations, maintaining liaisons with industry associations, providing an effective site selector service and participating in a variety of regional marketing initiatives.

Smith referred Council to www.businesshaliburton.ca which he said is a site that has been received extremely good peer reviews and is used as a demonstration tool by the Ontario East Economic Development commission.

When it comes to business retention, Smith said he has a corporate calling program. Through this program a number of confidential interviews are conducted with local business to gain a better understanding of their needs or issues, and to explain the services available to them. Smith said, "There have been a number of 'red flag' issues identified including the need for three phase hydro, information on funding programs, export assistance, financing and regulatory approvals to name a few."

Smith also said that he hoped to provide property listings in the future, but commented that there had been a few legal issues that needed to be resolved before that could take place.

When it came to expansion of businesses, Smith said he had worked with local companies on employment issues. He said there was a local mentoring group to work with entrepreneurs and he has been working with the City of Kawartha Lakes to establish a Small Business Enterprise satellite office to offer business support services. Smith said he also maintains a partnership with HCDC to offer training in effective website design.

At the end of his power point presentation, Smith referred to the announcement in December by the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, establishing tourism sectors in Ontario that effectively split up the province. "No one in the province expected the results and we're upset," he said. Smith said that a letter had been sent by Warden Dave Burton to the Minister, voicing the County's apprehension with the current regional alignments and asking for further consideration for the County to be aligned with the Kawartha Lakes/Peterborough/Northumberland.

Smith said that the impact of the division had yet to be fully realized. "But at the end of the day there could be benefits to being in two areas. We could have access to two different pots, or we could just be the tail wagging the dog."

Smith advised Council that the Minister had advised the County that there would be no changes in the established boundaries, despite the fact that the decision was supposed to be a collaborative initiative. He added that the Minister had said that the new alignment would not preclude the County from continued partnerships with previous partners like the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Since meeting with the Dysart Council, Smith has also visited the Highlands East and Minden Hills Councils and is scheduled to make the same presentation in Algonquin Highlands this week.



Profile of YWCA Receives Boost

Banish the Blues Fundraiser Educates Public About Organization's Work

By Mark Arike

It might have not been the largest fundraiser that Haliburton County has ever seen, however, the first-ever YWCA Banish the Blues event undoubtedly did raise awareness about what the organization is trying to do.

"It was just as much about raising awareness as it was about raising the funds," said Laura Redman, event developer for the YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton. "We wanted to get the word out that the YWCA is in Haliburton County and that it is there for women who need us."

At Saturday evening's event held at the Pinestone Resort by the not-for-profit organization, nearly 100 people showed up to enjoy dinner, a silent and live "altered image" art auction, and music from award-winning Canadian blues talent in the form of Rick Fines and Suzy Vinnick.

Prior to stepping on the stage, Fines and Vinnick spoke to The Voice about their decision to perform at the YWCA event.

"Having been a musician for more than 30 years professionally, I probably get asked to do a fundraiser once a week," said Fines about the demand that's out there to perform at similar gigs. "I have to pick and choose which ones to go to because otherwise you get inundated ... this is an important cause and when you

look at the services that the YWCA provides - like the women's shelter - you see how it's very important to the community."

The duo went on to perform a mix of songs in two sets - mostly acoustic blues tracks with a few traces of folk and rock thrown into the show.

Lynn Zimmer, executive director of the YWCA chapter, said that it's been difficult to hear about the many stories of violence that women have recounted over the years. At the same time, hearing about tales of tragedy turned to triumph has spread hope to many.

"The YWCA has been present in Haliburton County since 1986," began Zimmer, "and during those years we have met some incredibly courageous women who are dealing with things that are almost beyond belief."

Zimmer spoke about the successful creation of the Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace (HERS) - a place where women and their families can find refuge from a current volatile situation.

"Women don't have to leave Haliburton County in order to get to a safe place," she said. "We're very, very happy that we have that secure place available now."

Any funds that were raised at the event will go to support HERS as well as the local women's shelter.

To learn about the services for women provided by the YWCA visit www.ywcapeterborough.org.

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Frost Fest 2010: Smiles Tell the Story



Pictured on the far left is Miles Maughan with Dysart firefighters Jamie and Gord Woodman, middle picture; Fraser Zavitz and Tice Barry try out dog sledding, Above: Nevaeh Byelis and Annabell Borgdorf try out some snowshoeing. Bottom left picture; kids have fun zooming down the huge ice slide.

Scores of visitors flocked down to Head Lake Park on Saturday, February 13th to participate in bundles of winter activities at Frost Fest 2010. Dog sled rides, sleigh rides, pony rides, a massive ice slide, snow shoe games and much more all took centre stage at Frost Fest.

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Organized and hosted by the Municipality of Dysart et al, it seemed as if everyone wanted to be in the winter spirit. The activities, apart from the food, were completely free which meant that everyone could enjoy their family weekend properly.

Rails End Gallery proved to be a popular choice for Frost Fest visitors who sampled the art on display from the current members exhibition. They could vote for their favourite artist to find the winner of the Peoples Choice Award. Joe Smith who is currently showing his pinhole photography exhibition at the gallery demonstrated to young and old alike how to create perfect snaps.

The lines were busy at the popular beavertail stand while others sipped on hot chocolate around a small fire to keep warm.

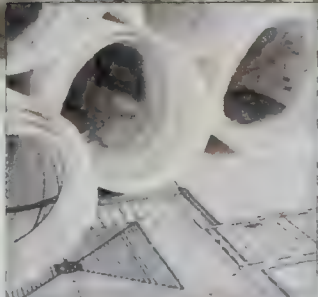
Frost Fest Ambassador 2010, Fire Chief Miles Maughan, was making his way around the event on Saturday enjoying his role. He commented, "I've met people today from all over the world including Texas and Ottawa. It seems to be going really well."

The second annual Frost Fest was a great community event and judging by the smiles captured that day it was a great success. ■

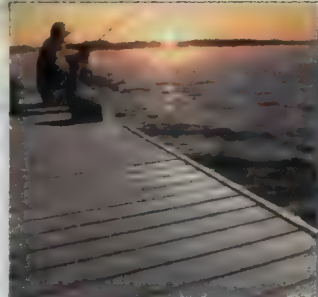
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Sir Sams Hosts Kawartha Championship

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

It was a bright sunny day on Friday February 12th at the local Sir Sams Ski hill in Eagle Lake. At first glance you would think that Friday was like any other day at the Sky hill everyone was soaking up the sun and having a great day of skiing and snowboarding, but some people had come to get a good front row seat to the first real head to head competition of the season. Sir Sams was the host to the Kawartha Snowboarding Championships for our Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Snowboarding team. The Registration started at 9:30 but our Hal High Snowboarding team was more than ready and focused for the competition by that time.

The Snowboarding teams are made up of five players per team and the team with the best rankings is classified as first. The HHSS boys team A was first in the ranking with Greg Foster in first place with a time of 47.87 Seconds, Alex Vassos in second with 48.66 seconds and third place was taken by Michael Kunkel with 49.53 seconds. There was a ninth and tenth position also taken on team A by Mackenzie Robinson and Zack Harrison.

For the Girls, the individual scores were as follows: Chantal Coulter of Fenelon Falls SS with an over all time of 48.69, Haliburton's Christiana Walker with 49.48 seconds earning her the second place position and team mate Ariah Boots in third place with a time of 50.88 seconds. The HHSS girls team A won the competition earning them the number one spot for the best time in their category. There were 17 Boys in attendance for the competition and 13 girls.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Snowboarding team will also be going to Sir Sams on Friday February 19th to to host the COSSA meet. On Wednesday March 3rd the HHSS team will be traveling to Georgian Peaks Resort to participate in the OFSSA and is determined to return with a victory. ■



Winners of Kawartha Championship Top- Greg Foster, Bottom- Chantal Coulter



Storm Novice locks Semi-Final Series 2-2 in Gananoque

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In their first playoff round against Lindsay, Highland Storm won three games straight to take the win. Game one was a bit of a struggle but we came out with a 5 - 4 victory. Game two we dominated and won 4 - 0. Game three showed what a strong team this is as we dominated, winning 8 - 1. Carson Sisson provided excellent goal tending but he couldn't have done it without the help of all his team mates who have all played hard this whole season.

We started the second round versus Gananoque: we played our first game in Haliburton last Saturday evening (February 6th) and even though we lost 2 - 1, the kids played hard and fought all the way through the game. Our second game was played last February 7th in Minden. Our kids came to play and we in complete control, winning 3 - 0 and keeping the puck for most of the game in Gananoque's end.

On Saturday in Gananoque the Storm lost 2 - 0, but won the second game 4 - 3 in overtime, locking the series at two games apiece. The deciding game will be played this Saturday at 4:00 pm in Haliburton. ■

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Junior Girls Volleyball Qualifying at HHSS

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gymnasium was packed full of teams and people that came from all over the Kawartha last Wednesday February 10th. HHSS was host to an eight team Kawartha Qualifying Tournament. The eight teams that participated in the Tournament were all after one thing, a spot in the Kawartha Championship Tournament on Wednesday February 17th at the Port Hope High School.

For the Junior Girls Volleyball Team to Qualify for the Kawartha finals in Port Hope they had to win three out of their last four sets and that they did. Our junior girls Volleyball team tied for third place earning them a spot in the Kawartha championship Tournament. All 18 girls saw court time and played great. The Junior Girls Volleyball Team is made up of 14 girls in grade nine and four girls in grade ten. Captain Grace Diezel is the only grade ten starting player. Coach Brett Caputo said, "They are very excited about reaching the goal and qualifying for the Kawarthas."

There were outstanding contributions by Jessica Bishop with her consistent play and Sara Comer who controlled the game with great passing and defence. The teams that did qualify for the tournament on Wednesday February 17th were Cobourg West, Port Hope High School, Clark High School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The teams that did not qualify for the Tournament are Brock High School, Campbellford District High School and St Thomas Aquinas.

"It has been a long season but we hope to be competitive at the Kawartha Finals and place in the top four," says Coach Caputo. Helping Caputo Haliburton Highlands Secondary School



Exchange student from Germany Ben Simmendinger. The Senior Girls Volleyball team and Coach Caley Sisson will be hosting the Senior Girls Kawarthas at the Haliburton Highland Secondary School gymnasium on Thursday February 18th which is the same day the juniors travel to Port Hope for the Kawartha finals. ■

Storm Atom AEs Win, Lose against Newcastle, Lead Series 2 – 1.

by Karena Crofts, Team Manager

On Saturday Feb 13th the Atom AEs travelled to Newcastle for their second game of their OMHA playdown series. The Storm boys once again dominated the play, but started in the first period for a change, with two goals: Alex Wilbee, assisted by Greg Crofts scored won, and Greg Crofts, assisted by Ryan Prentice got the second.

The boys kept up the scoring with two more goals in the second period, another one by Alex Wilbee assists to Carter O'Neill and Ryan Prentice followed by a goal by Jack Dobie assisted by Carter O'Neill. In the third the Storm continued to dominate with three more goals, two by Greg Crofts, giving him a hat trick, and one by Owen Smith with assists going to Trevor Turner and Carter O'Neill. Newcastle did get two goals in the third as well, but the win went to The Storm 7-2.

The third game Sunday Feb 14th was a totally different game with The Stars playing hard and The Storm not quite in sync. The Storm managed to get on the board in the second period with a goal by Jack Dobie with assists to Owen Smith and Jake Bull. This would be our only goal and the Star's managed three more despite a tremendous effort by goalie Anthony Bertucca. One of these goals was an open net goal. The Storm lost 3-1 and will return to Newcastle next Saturday, Feb 20, for another 6pm game. If a fifth game is necessary it will be played in Minden on Sunday the 21st at 2 PM.

Congratulations to the Highland Storm Atom As who won their semi-finals in three games against Ennismore. □

The Blue Line Nets \$10,000 During Wild Auction Action

Bidders See High Value in Old McKecks Memorabilia

By Mark Arike

Though less than one-third of the many familiar McKecks fixtures (pre-renovation era) were auctioned away this Sunday, the items that did go raised more than the organizers expected to get from the entire lot.

"It was mind-blowing," said restaurant owner Maarten Steinkamp in a phone interview following the event. "We set out with a goal to raise \$7,000 to \$8,000 – for everything."

Through the live auction about \$8,000 was raised and another \$2,000 came through online bids at the recently launched McKecks web site.

Bar furniture, hockey memorabilia, photos, signs and various trinkets fetched bids from all corners of the room, as manager of the restaurant Karen Frybort played the part of an exuberant auctioneer. Sharing the stage with her was the restaurant's creative director Sean Carthew, who strutted around with the items up for bid. For items too large to carry, Carthew displayed them on his iPhone screen to interested bidders.

Offers from the restaurant – like a gourmet dinner made and delivered to the winning bidder and friends by team McKecks – also brought in big money.

"We sold three dinners and the biggest one – which came with an old table – went for \$1,200," said Steinkamp, adding that first-timers to the restaurant scored the package.

When Steinkamp purchased the 20-year-old restaurant this past summer from long-time owner (and former NHL hockey player) Walt McKechnie, he had a vision: create not only a new image for the restaurant but also tie in with it a community-based charity, known as The Blue Line.

To date, The Blue Line has already made a mark in the community. While the restaurant underwent extensive renovations in November, Steinkamp kept his staff employed while they went into the community to help where help was needed.

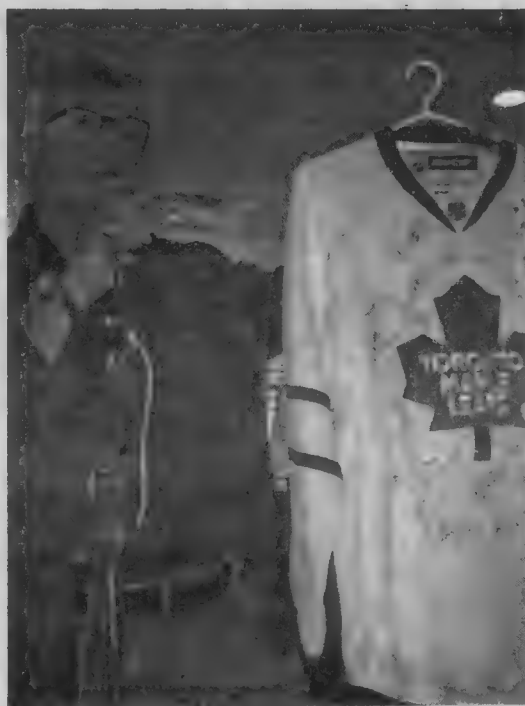
Shortly after Master's Book Store fell victim to a fire in the Village Barn building, Steinkamp offered space in the Old Country House building (which he also owns) to the owners and staff so it could continue to remain open.

The funds from this recent auction will first go to The Blue Line and from there will be distributed to organizations or causes in the county.

As for the rest of McKecks' treasures, where will they go?

"We would like to auction off the rest before summer at several charity events of other organizations and give this money to those respective organizations," answered Steinkamp.

Applications to The Blue Line are welcome; visit McKecks' new on-line home at www.mckecks.ca. ■



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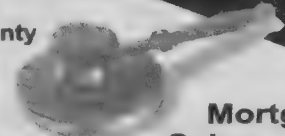
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Looking at the Duality of Love An Idyllic Evening for Artist's Opener

By Mark Arike

For most, love is a blissful state. A range of emotions and feelings come with love: passion, desire and delight, to name a few. Love no doubt produces some powerful sensations and good vibes – it's also an enthralling topic to explore.

Local emerging artist Noelia Marziali took it upon herself to flirt with this emotion that touches us all for her latest solo exhibition titled *The Perpetually Fleeting Love Affair*. The exhibition, housed at the Heritage House Café in Haliburton had its official opener this past Sunday (Valentine's Day). The evening event included live entertainment, Italian desserts and a burlesque performance to top it all off.

"This [exhibit] has definitely been in the planning stages for a long time," said Marziali on Sunday night. "It takes you on a journey from going to the dark into light and letting yourself go to love."

As described in a document written by Marziali, the love affair tale expressed through her oil on wood pieces is told by a set of three triptychs: silk and leather, skin and feathers, and fingers and wood. The purpose of the series is to "encompass the duality of love. To explore it's potential to be transient or everlasting. To be strong and binding like leather, or wild and free like a feather."

The five key images/elements present in the series are: red feathers, red silk, leather, skin and wood. Each contains a dualism within itself reflective of the theme.

Marziali conceptualized these particular paintings – which span one entire wall of the café – in what could be considered a rather unorthodox manner. With a scanner she pressed up her own body parts to the machine and used the resulting digital images to produce the work.

Marziali, who studied at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco and the Ontario College of Art Design, is a member of The Art Hive – home base of the Maple Lake Artisans Collective. It is there that she hosted her first solo exhibition last year as part of the Hand of the Maker series.

You can see Marziali's lovely work in this exhibition until March 31. ■



Super Crossword

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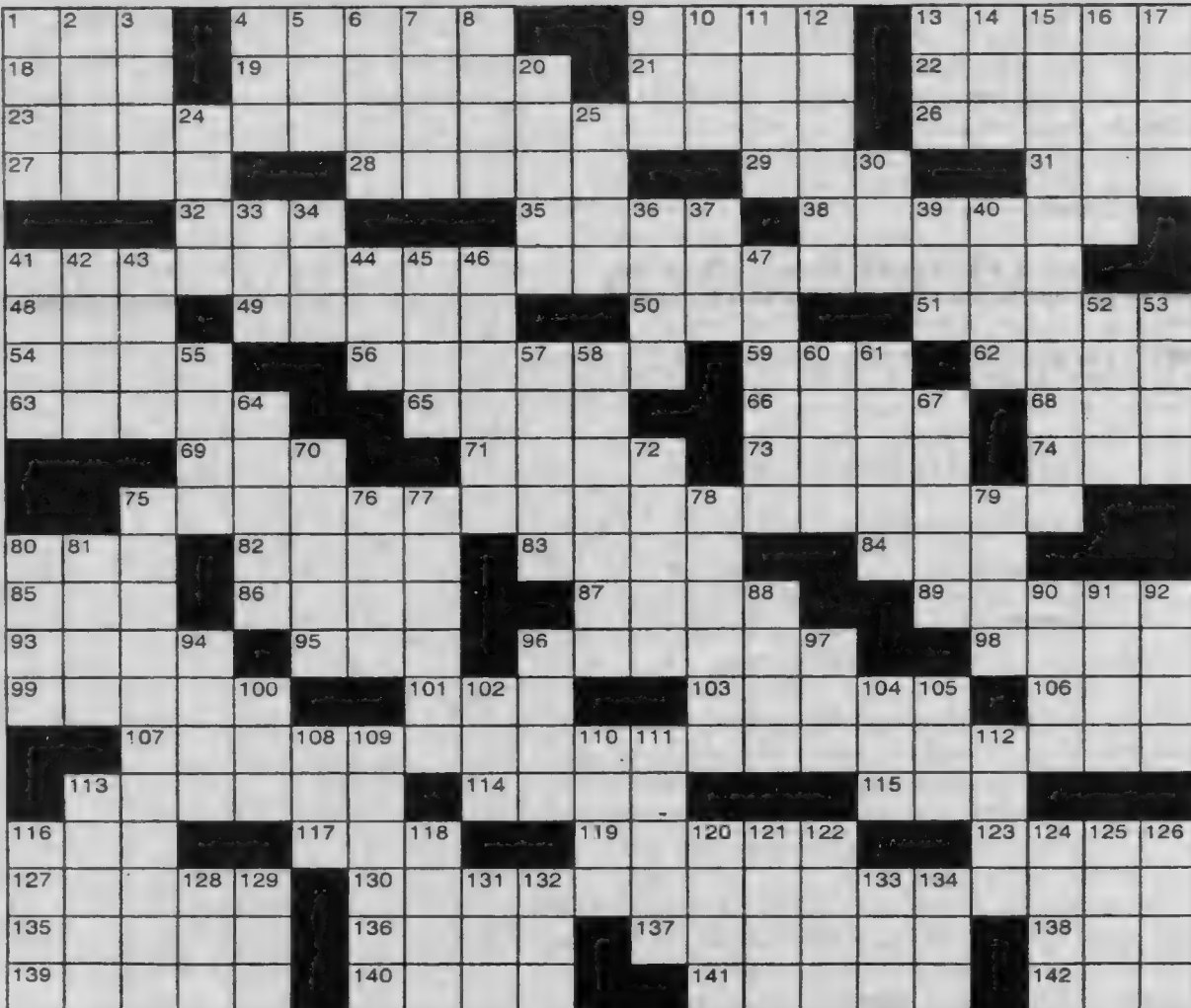
ACROSS

- 1 "One — Apple" ('71 song)
- 4 Broadway org.
- 9 Presidential pooch
- 13 Loudly, to Liszt
- 18 Spud bud
- 19 Propped (up)
- 21 Author Murdoch
- 22 Menotti title character
- 23 Over-laundered muumuu?
- 26 Aquarium fish
- 27 Viscount's better
- 28 Walked off with
- 29 Baby beagle
- 31 Noun suffix
- 32 Objective
- 35 Lose luster
- 38 One of the Sopranos
- 41 Embarrassed late-night host?
- 48 Humble abode
- 49 Hawke of "Training Day"
- 50 Start to cry?
- 51 Pageant prop
- 54 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
- 56 Dicta
- 59 Seek change?
- 62 Coasted
- 63 Cock and bull
- 65 Sup in style
- 66 "Rule Britannia" composer
- 68 Call — day
- 69 Fill in
- 71 — Scotia
- 73 Sculptor Bernini
- 74 Snead or Spiegel
- 75 Tarzan the Studious?
- 80 Ingot
- 82 Airhead
- 83 Fruit-tree spray
- 84 Biol. or chem.
- 85 — Dhabi
- 86 Art deco designer
- 87 Sicilian volcano
- 89 Humble abode
- 93 Gershwin heroine
- 95 Wordless greeting
- 96 "Every — You Take" ('83 hit)
- 98 Cheer competitor
- 99 Singer John
- 101 Organ of equilibrium

DOWN

- 5 "Quiet!"
- 6 Dove sounds
- 7 In — (bored)
- 8 Cuban currency
- 9 Evergreen tree
- 10 Exist
- 11 Speech problem
- 12 Take for granted
- 13 Too big for one's breeches?
- 14 Doolittle's digs
- 15 Type of philosophy
- 16 Hurl
- 17 Panache
- 20 Dutch pottery
- 24 Sitka's st.
- 25 Work in Vegas
- 30 By means of
- 33 Cover the cake
- 34 Wrestling surface
- 36 Labor leader Eugene
- 37 WWII area
- 39 Qty.
- 40 Emcee's site
- 41 '54 James Arness film
- 42 A shake in the grass?
- 43 List ender
- 103 Maguire of "Spider-Man"
- 106 Singer Barry
- 107 Undecided activists?
- 113 Roman writer
- 114 Hit hard
- 115 Reverence
- 116 It may be fake
- 117 Author Umberto
- 119 Adjusted an Amati
- 123 Lhasa —
- 127 Come in
- 130 Good source of minerals?
- 135 Cold sound
- 136 "Ritorna vincitor!" singer
- 137 Piston packing
- 138 Shelley's "— Skylark"
- 139 Versify
- 140 Inn offering
- 141 New Hampshire campus
- 142 Hog heaven?

- 44 Pi follower
- 45 Cooking fat
- 46 Close
- 47 Trinidad's neighbor
- 52 Moreno or Hayworth
- 53 Inspector Dalgliesh
- 55 Engage, as gears
- 57 "— Gay"
- 58 Party animal
- 60 Palladino of "ER"
- 61 Behaves like a beaver
- 64 Kid stuff?
- 67 Methuselah's dad
- 70 Borg or Ulvaeus
- 72 Subside
- 75 Reliable
- 76 As many as
- 77 Essential
- 78 Elaborate
- 79 Brilliant display
- 80 Movie piglet
- 81 Explorer Tasman
- 88 Energy source
- 90 Offensive
- 91 Churchill's successor
- 92 Time to give up
- 94 Head for the clouds
- 96 La — Tar Pits
- 97 "Six Feet Under" network
- 100 Pro-gun grp.
- 102 PD alert
- 104 — Marie Saint
- 105 Evergreen tree
- 108 Expert
- 109 The gods guzzle it
- 110 — Spumante
- 111 Newscaster Connie
- 112 Nut part
- 113 Feeling
- 116 Dread
- 118 Phil
- Donahue's birthplace
- 120 Neighbor of Mont.
- 121 Gaelic
- 122 Luke, Bo, or Daisy
- 124 Prepares cherries
- 125 Glasgow guy
- 126 Hunky-dory
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

GRANDMA ADDS INSULT TO INJURY CAUSED BY HER HURTFUL REMARK

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and I haven't spoken in more than two years because of something I said regarding her grandson, "Joey," who is my great-grandson. The last time I saw this boy, who lives in another state, he was 7 or 8.

My daughter's husband was expressing how proud he was of Joey, who is a star football player -- a linebacker at 200 pounds and over 6 feet tall. I said, "Wow, the last time I saw him he was 7 or 8 and fat as a little pig." My words were not wisely chosen, but an expression I have used many times. It was just a comment. They left the state in early spring without a call or a goodbye. On Mother's Day I received a "gushy" card, which I returned with a note saying how much I would have loved the card -- if I had felt it was sincere. I am 86 and hate what has happened, but I feel I am being punished for just "being me." Should I make the first move or just let sleeping dogs lie? -- **OUTSPOKEN GRANDMA IN FLORIDA**

DEAR OUTSPOKEN GRANDMA: You should have apologized for your comment the minute you realized you had struck a nerve. And returning the card the way you did only added fuel to the fire. My advice is to write your daughter and son-in-law a note of apology and do it soon, because at 86, you don't have any time to waste.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman from a family of females who are all large-busted. Sad to say, I am the exception. My husband not only looks but stares when he sees a big-breasted woman. He promised me a few years ago I could get implants. He even let me consult two plastic surgeons, and then twice prevented me with excuses from having it done. I do not want this because of his actions but because I have always wanted a well-balanced body. I have been told by family members to go ahead and get the implants without his knowledge. I believe he would love the end result, but I'm not sure this is the right way to do it. What do you think? -- **NO MORE EXCUSES IN LOUISIANA**

DEAR NO MORE EXCUSES: I think that if you want to have breast augmentation, you should do it. BUT NOT THE WAY YOUR FAMILY IS SUGGESTING! Have a serious talk with your husband, so you can explain how you feel about having the surgery and he can tell you exactly what his qualms are. While he may enjoy looking at large-breasted women, he married you just the way you are, and he may be worried that something could happen during the procedure that could cost him the love of his life. Hear him out.

DEAR ABBY: I am an only child who has been married for almost 30 years to a wonderful man who is also an only child. We have no children. We are moving to another state where we don't know anyone. I am worried that one day I'll be all alone in the world with no one to turn to. (Women statistically tend to live longer than men, and my husband is seven years my senior.) What do people do when they have no one, and how do I not let this ruin our otherwise great life now? -- **AFRAID TO BE ALONE**

DEAR AFRAID: First of all, quit preoccupying yourself with thoughts of death and isolation. When you arrive at your destination, join a church or synagogue if you are religious. If you're not, find organizations where you and your husband can volunteer time and meet people. Join social clubs if you're moving to a sizable city. "Old age" will happen years from now, if you're lucky. And regardless of what "statistics" say, you could go before your husband -- so stop worrying and enjoy the time you have together.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you the sort of friend everyone hopes to have.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once that happens, the rest should be easier to unsnarl.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters once again take center stage, and should be dealt with competently and quickly. And, again, insist on others taking on their fair share of the responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep that keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem affecting your project. Some cheerful news is about to come your way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than rely on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what he or she would like to see done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A matter you thought had been settled might still produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level. 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: LARGE CITIES: "M"
Name a large city that starts with "M" in the given country.
*Alternate answers may be possible. (e.g., Mexico. Answer: Mexico City.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Russia
Answer _____
2. Canada
Answer _____
3. Spain
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Philippines
Answer _____
5. Australia
Answer _____
6. United States
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. India
Answer _____
8. United Kingdom
Answer _____
9. Colombia
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Moscow. 2. Montreal, Moncton. 3. Madrid. 4. Manila. 5. Melbourne. 6. Memphis, Miami, Minneapolis. 7. Mumbai. 8. Manchester. 9. Medellin, Manizales.

SCORING:

18 points -- congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points -- honors graduate; 10 to 14 points -- you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points -- you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points -- enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points -- who reads the questions to you?

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\$11,000 in Fines for Illegally Shot Moose

Four men from southeastern Ontario have been fined a total of \$11,000 for illegally shooting and possessing a cow moose.

Wayne Carr of Trenton was convicted of unlawfully hunting a cow moose and possession of illegally killed wildlife. He was fined \$5,000. His rifle was seized and will be returned upon payment of his fines.

Shiloh Ferguson, of Belleville, and Jack Morrison Jr. and Glen Ferrill, both of Frankford, were each fined \$2,000 for possessing wildlife unlawfully killed.

The court heard that the four men were party hunting for moose in Glamorgan Township, south of Haliburton. On October 20, 2009, the second day of the moose season, Carr shot and killed an adult cow moose. All four men were involved in getting the animal out of the bush, and were later stopped by a Minden area conservation officer on their return trip home.

The men were each licensed to harvest a calf moose; they did not possess an adult cow moose tag. The cow moose was later identified as being two-and-a-half years old. A calf is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

Justice of the Peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, in Minden, on February 4, 2010.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). ■

\$6,000 Fine for Deer Traps

Two men were fined a total of \$6,000 for attempting to snare white-tailed deer.

Edward Trzcinski, of Minden, and Jose Ferreira, of Richmond Hill, pleaded guilty to charges under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and were each fined \$3,000.

On November 12, 2009, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers from Minden area followed up on the sound of gunshot and went to a property south of Minden. They found three large snares made from nylon rope on Trzcinski's property. The snares were set with rope tied to the base of trees and held open with thin black sewing thread. The area around the snares was baited with carrots and scents. Large branches were placed to funnel deer into the area where the snares were set.

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Break and Enters in Minden Hills

(Haliburton, ON.) –Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating several break and enters that were reported on Sugar Bush Lane in the Township of Minden Hills.

The entries are believed to have occurred between mid January 2010 and this past weekend. The suspect(s) forced their way into four cottages on the road and stole property.

A Scenes of Crime Officer (S.O.C.O.) from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment attended the scene and is assisting in the investigation.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122. Information can also be reported anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or by going to www.khcs.ca and submitting an anonymous tip online. ■

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\$1,500 in Fines for Unlawful Use of Dogs

Two Ontario men were fined a total of \$1,500 for using dogs to chase black bears.

Douglas Macnab, of Kinmount, pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,000 for unlawfully using dogs to chase black bear during the closed season. Jacob Bell, of Omemee, also pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 for the same offence.

Court heard that on August 16, 2009, Ministry of Natural Resources Minden area conservation officers responded to an MNR TIPS complaint that six hunting dogs had shown up at an Anson Township cottage property. Further investigation revealed that Macnab and Bell were getting six hounds ready for the upcoming bear hunt opening the first day of September. The dogs were released at a bait pile on a fresh bear track.

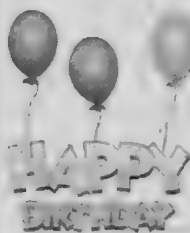
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Gone are the days we use to share, but in our hearts your always there. The gates of memory will never close; we miss you more than anyone knows. With tender love and deep regress, we who loved you will never forget.

Love always; son – Willis, Doreen and Grandchildren.



Ronald Luigi Robertson Petrini (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

After bravely battling Cancer for over 2 years, Ronald Petrini died at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday morning, February 14th, 2010 in his 77th year. Devoted husband to Arlene for 54 years. Loving father to Nathan (Sharon) and David (Pauline). Special Grandpa to Samantha and Anthony. Son of Domenico & Violet Petrini (nee Robertson), deceased. Adored by 14 nephews and nieces. Loved by many cousins. Ronnie was known in the community for his tireless work in the construction/cottage industry and this serves as a testament to his industrious nature. Ronald was a principled man of faith, and will be remembered as a very positive, kind, generous, supportive man; always willing to extend a helping hand. Thank You for the gentle care given by Dr. Ferracuti and the nursing staff at Acute Care in Haliburton Hospital. Special thanks to those who came to be by his side to show their love.

Visitation & Memorial Service

We welcome all to attend his Memorial Service on Saturday, February 20th at 1:00pm located at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1017 Wigamog Road, off County Road 21, Haliburton. Memorial donations can be made to Watch Tower or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Funeral arrangements have been made entrusted to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton Ontario, (705)457-9209.

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Thank you to everyone who submits a
résumé, however only candidates who will
be interviewed will be contacted.



Township of Algonquin Highlands

The Township of Algonquin Highlands, located in the northern Haliburton
Highlands is seeking applications from qualified candidates to fill the newly
created position of Chief Training Officer for Algonquin Highlands Fire Services.

Reporting to the Fire Chief, and working in close cooperation with the three
District Chiefs, the Training Officer will be responsible for the coordination,
development, delivery and administration of Training for the fifty (50)
volunteers in the three Fire Stations in the Department.

The ideal candidate will have the demonstrated ability and experience working
successfully in a volunteer environment, and have sound judgment, leadership and
motivational skills. Extensive fire fighting and training experience and a thorough
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Instructor and Trainer/Facilitator status from the Fire College in Gravenhurst.

The salary for the position will be commensurate with qualifications. The
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Salary range is available on request.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a complete resume and covering letter,
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no later than Monday, March 08, 2010. Candidates will clearly demonstrate
how and where they have gained the knowledge, skills and abilities on their
resume.

Applicants are thanked for their interest, but only candidates we wish to consider
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John D. Hogg
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Winterfest in Minden

Winterfest in Minden proved to be another great success for the town. Numerous activities were held over the family day weekend which brought everyone out to sample the winter sports.

Winterfest has been running for the past three years. New events for this year included a snowball tournament which proved to be popular amongst residents. Furthermore on Saturday night poetic tales were held at the Dominion to a bustling crowd and local dancers performed under the stars.

The chilli competition held on Sunday afternoon announced the Gravity Coffee House as the proud winners. Gerry Wills owner of the Gravity House said "this is our first year in the competition but I've been using this recipe for over twenty-five years. It's definitely worth your while to stop in and have a bowl of our champion chilli. We're offering free samples all of this week, and everyone is invited to come and try it." Dave Allen from Canoe FM placed second and Gramma's Fish & Chips placed third. Approximately 150 people turned out to sample the different takes on chilli and the proceeds from the contest will go towards the expenses of Minden's Family New Year's Eve celebration.

Rick Cox, Director of Community Services with the Township of Minden Hills, said "I'm very pleased with how Winterfest turned out this year; we definitely had a happy crowd."



Winter Dancing

Dancer/Choreographers Jackie McChesney and Daniela Pagliaro, along with young performers Jessica Karaguesian and Nadia Pagliaro, transform the wintery outdoors in front of the Bowron House into a dusk-lit stage.

Minden Fire Department Serves up the Pancakes

With over 100 people attending the Minden Fire Departments pancake breakfast, Councillor Peter Oyler and helpers were kept busy Monday morning serving Pancakes and Sausages. Firemen Matt Hogg and Darren Gilbert served up a second helping to Scott Moore, among others! Approximately \$425 were raised which is divided between the Fire Department and Winterfest next year! Great job Minden Fire Department!



Dawson's Game: OPP Win 10 - 8

The hockey game between the OPP & Minden Fire Department took place Sunday evening, all proceeds and donations were to go to Dawson Hamilton's family. Before the game got underway Owen Smith best friend of Dawson raised a banner honouring his friend, the banner was donated by County Sign and Display! Local MPP Barry Devolin was on hand to drop the opening puck. Matt Hogg goalie for the MFD stops a puck from going in the net but it is too little to late as the OPP go on to win 10-8. Matthew O'Reilly won the Chuck a Puck contest receiving \$47 and Jenny Perrott won the \$250 50/50 draw which she returned half of to the event! The night was not without mishap as OPP Officer Ben Manuge was taken to the hospital after being struck in the face by a puck, he was later taken to Peterborough Hospital where surgery was performed to repair a broken jaw!



Lisa Schell Son Jordy & Dawson's brother Tanner Hamilton man the Chuck A Puck Table.

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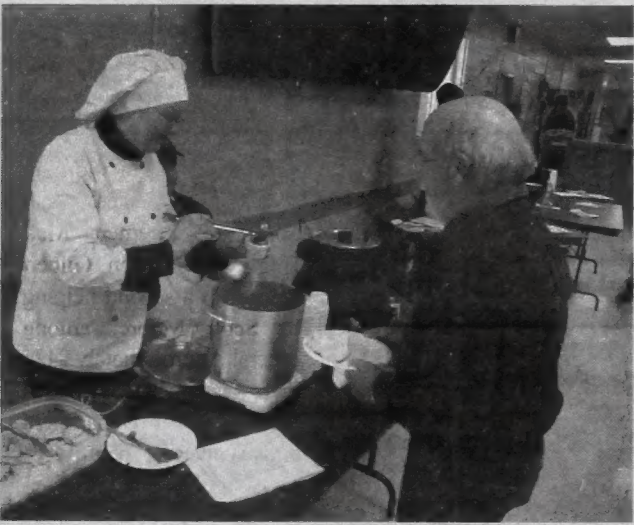
Winterfest in Minden

Chili Contest a Smokin' Hit!!

Photos and Story By Gord Barter



New Chili Champs, Gravity Coffee House and Cafe' left to right Chef James McBride, Manager Lila Sweet & Owner Gerald Willis



Gramma serving up her Chili

Gramma Dethroned: New Queen of the Chili Crowned!

Well, after two years of being Queen of the Chili contest Margaret Ross (Gramma's Fish & Chips) has been dethroned of her title by The Gravity Coffee House & Cafe'. After the news was delivered, Grannys was seen taken away in her wheelchair back to Gramma's to try and figure out what had gone wrong! She also seemed to be mumbling something about the judges for the contest but no one could really understand her in her state of shock!

The new winner and title holder Gerald Willis the owner/operator of The Gravity House was pleased at the results but also showed concern about the state of Margaret as she was led away! The fact that Gramma's had placed 2nd in this year's event it did not seem to help the situation!

In all seven competitors' showed their stuff with Gravity House taking 1st place, Gramma's taking 2nd place and Dave Allen taking 3rd place. It was a very close contest and a extra celebrity judge (Fire Chief Dick Schell) had to break the tie! ■



Minden Hills and Haliburton Snowmobile Officials Open Snow Bridge

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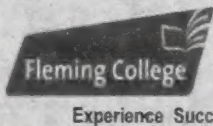
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Cathy Bain * 286-1234 ext. 224

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Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext. 44

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Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext. 44

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Rachel Carthew * 457-2414, ext. 38

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Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234 ext. 223

CRYSTAL LAKE - \$149,000



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ENGLISH COURT - \$119,000



34 acre property - 20 x 30 insulated steel Quonset hut with a poured concrete floor, 200 amps electric & drilled well. Two 10 x 12 cabins on the property, one with hydro/shower/sink. Three ponds, one stocked with trout and includes a diving board and man-made waterfalls. 10 acres of hardwood trees and trails throughout. A terrific recreational property with access to nearby Tamarack Lake.

Daine Knapp* 488-3077



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CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD - \$154,900



Large acreage with large beaver pond. This property has right of way off Galway rd with well maintained roadway to beaver pond and licenced gravel pit with great variety wildlife nesting blue heron beaver moose deer ect 10 minutes from Kinmount

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What a great place to build your dream home or cottage - boat into Minden or into prestigious Gull Lake. Nice sandy shoreline for swimming - hydro & bell available at the lot line. Call for more info today!

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GULL RIVER \$269,500



Gull River home just south of Minden. Stunning deck on the river - watch life pass on by. There is absolutely nothing to do here but enjoy life in total comfort. Take a 10 minute boat ride to Gull Lake or 20 minutes to Minden for dinner. Gull River is 50 feet across at this point - lots of room to swim, 11 feet deep off the end of the dock or wade in from the shore. New bathroom 2008, metal roof 2006, new kitchen 2005, new septic 2001, completely re-painted in and out.

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